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U.K. rebuff to peace team irks Kingdom

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (R) — Saudi Arabia is unhappy at Britain's failure to receive an Arab delegation that included a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and considers this an unhealthy sign, Saudi Information Minister Muhammad Abdo Yamani told Reuters Wednesday.

Answering questions in an interview, he said he did not think there was at present any specific plan to boycott British goods or business because of Britain's action. But other highly-placed sources said that when the Saudis pronounced themselves unhappy, it was obviously not a good sign for Anglo-Saudi trade and other relations.

London press reports this week said a Saudi warning was conveyed to British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher through former Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, that Arab leaders were threatening a trade embargo unless she changed her Middle East policy.

The British government, which refuses to recognise the PLO, has declined to react to the reported boycott warning. Dr. Abdo Yamani said: "It is not a healthy sign that they (Britain) refuse to receive the delegation. The Kingdom, like every other Arab country, is not happy to hear this news. But still hope they will reconsider and listen."

The minister said the Arabs were not asking Britain to change its policy but simply to listen to the Arab case. "We are asking a fair thing. We are not happy. Britain should understand," Dr. Abdo Yamani said.

He said the Kingdom was more hopeful of an eventual Middle East peace particularly following the Arab summit in Fez when the Arab nation "clearly, loudly and together said that they want peace."

On President Reagan's peace proposals,

Dr. Abdo Yamani said the Arab countries appreciated the work of anybody who tried to support the idea of peace.

The Kingdom had been encouraged by the way an Arab delegation, led by King Hassan of Morocco, had been received in Washington and another mission led by Jordan's King Hussein had been received in the Soviet Union and China.

The Saudi Minister described the Iraq-Iran war as a disaster and said: "We believe that continuation of such a war will be a threat to the whole area."

Dr. Abdo Yamani said: "We see no solutions right now if the Iraqis do not respond to the call of peace. The Iraqis have done their share in accepting peace proposals. If there is not a solution only god knows where the thing will end," he added.

Dr. Abdo Yamani reiterated the position expressed by the Saudi Arabian Oil Minister, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, that the Kingdom wants to defend the current price of crude oil. "Yes — we want to defend \$34" he declared.

The minister also said that Saudi Arabia faces no financial problems although its oil production, has been depressed in the prevailing period of low demand.

Asked if low output was causing financial difficulties, Dr. Yamani replied: "not really. We do not run the country on a daily basis."

2-day-old baby operated upon

EDINBURGH, Dec. 8 (AP) — A baby boy has successfully undergone open heart surgery only 40 hours after he was born, doctors at Edinburgh's Royal Hospital said. Wednesday.

Gordon Burns was born with a ruptured aorta, the main artery, and within hours his heart was failing.

But doctors acted quickly, lowering his temperature to 59 degrees Fahrenheit (15C) for 14 minutes and halting his circulation, while the delicate operation was carried out.

Gordon, now 15 days old, is expected to be home for Christmas with his parents.

Israel, Lebanon troops clash

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Dec. 8 (AP) — Lebanese and Israeli troops clashed in their first gun battle near Beirut Wednesday, Lebanon's state and privately owned radio stations said. Both sides said two Lebanese soldiers were killed and one Israeli was wounded.

An Israeli Army spokesman in suburban Yaffo confirmed the two Lebanese fatalities and one Israeli injury occurred in shooting shortly after midnight. He said the Israelis were fired upon and returned fire, but he said he could not identify the source of fire.

The Lebanese state radio said the shooting started when an Israeli military ambulance escorted by a jeep tried to enter the compound housing the Lebanese Defense Ministry and army command headquarters in Yaffo.

"They were ordered to stop by Lebanese commando guards. The Israelis did not heed the order. So the guards opened fire and a 15-minute shootout developed in which two Lebanese army elements were martyred and one Israeli soldier was wounded," the state radio station said.

Egyptian aides meet with Wazzan

BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (R) — Two senior Egyptian officials paid a surprise visit to Beirut Wednesday in what appeared to be a dramatic move to speed up talks on a withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and Palestinian forces from Lebanon.

Bourous Gbali, Egypt's minister of state for foreign affairs, and presidential adviser Osama Al-Bat were straight to a tightly guarded meeting with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan.

Their arrival surprised Western diplomats as Egypt has been shunned by most of the Arab world since it made peace with Israel in 1979.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak visited Saudi Arabia after the death of King Khaled in June, but other ministerial contacts between Egypt and Arab states boycotting it have been few.



ZIA-REAGAN PARLEYS: Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq seen chatting with President Ronald Reagan at the White House Tuesday.

Reagan stands by \$3b aid pledge, Zia assured

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — President Reagan has told Pakistani President Zia ul-Haq he is committed to carrying out a \$3.2 billion program of economic and security assistance to Pakistan.

Reagan repeatedly pledged Tuesday the United States "will not waver from its commitment to Pakistan." Zia reminded his host the commitment is essential in view of Afghanistan.

But the focal point of that commitment, the first \$525 million installment of a five-year \$3.2 billion package of U.S. economic and military aid, remains bogged in the U.S. Congress.

The Pakistanis have repeatedly said they consider delivery of the promised aid to schedule a test of American reliability. But some U.S. legislators oppose the aid because of the human rights issue.

Zia Tuesday assured members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee of his country's movement toward greater democracy.

Sen. Charles Mathias (Republican, Mary-

land) said that Gen. Zia had told the committee that "Pakistan will move toward maximum recognition of civil rights."

The senator added that members of the Senate committee had brought up the subject of human rights and the problem of arbitrary detentions in Pakistan. Gen. Zia also met with members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee behind closed doors, but no information was available about his reception there.

Another cloud over the relationship is the nagging U.S. concern that Pakistan may be trying to develop nuclear weapons. A senior U.S. official, who asked not to be identified, said Washington repeated its opposition Tuesday to the spread of nuclear weapons.

Washington accepts Zia's word Pakistan is not building atomic weapons, he said, but declined to say if that means the United States has eased its demand for Pakistan to accept international safeguards to prevent nuclear proliferation.

The Pakistanis, he said, repeated they are not interested in the bomb but stressed "the right of developing countries to have access to nuclear technology for peaceful purposes."

Turning to the situation in the Middle East Zia said Pakistan finds "some very positive elements" in the U.S. plan for a Middle East peace.

At a state dinner he told Reagan, "I urge you not to leave this opportunity that has come your way." "I would request you to be yourself, to find the rest of you," he said in an apparent reference to Reagan's biography, *The Rest of Me*.

S.Africa, Angola debate Namibia

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 8 (AP) — South Africa's foreign and defense ministers met Wednesday with a delegation from archrival and Marxist-ruled Angola on the two nations' differences over independence for South-West Africa, an official said.

The talks were cloaked in secrecy and held in the Cape Verde Islands early Wednesday, with Foreign Minister Pik Botha and Defense Minister Magnus Malan flying immediately back to South Africa, the official of the South African foreign ministry said.

He released a statement that went no further than saying the surprise talks were held. He refused to identify how the meeting was arranged, though Cape Verde has long offered its good offices to settle the dispute involving South African soldiers in South West Africa, also called Namibia, and Cuban troops in Angola. Cape Verde and Angola are both former Portuguese colonies. Nothing regarding details of the talks was released.

South West Africa is a former German colony on the southwestern flank of Africa. South Africa captured it during World War I and was given a mandate from the disbanded League of Nations to administer the territory. The United Nations revoked the mandate and has ordered South Africa to grant the territory independence.

British soldiers outings suspended

BALLYKELLY, Dec. 8 (AP) — The British Army has confined its 10,500 troops in Northern Ireland to barracks when off-duty after 11 soldiers were killed in a bomb blast by terrorists, military sources reported Wednesday.

They said the British land forces commander in the province, Maj. Gen. Peter Chesswell, has halted trips to clubs, movie theaters and dance halls while the military command reviews security policy for protecting its men when they are out of uniform.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the suspension of what in army parlance is known as "walking out" will be temporary.

"There's no way we can keep the lads cooped up for months on end, particularly in areas not considered high-risk zones," one source commented.

President undaunted U.S. House deals blow to MX plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The House of Representatives late Tuesday rejected a down payment of nearly \$1 billion for the MX missile system, the centerpiece of President Ronald Reagan's defense buildup and "the peacekeeper" he deems vital for convincing the Soviet Union to get serious about nuclear arms reductions.

President Reagan said defeat of the MX missile was "a grave mistake" that must be reversed, and White House officials worry it signals a new post-election mood in Congress against a huge buildup in defense spending.

Reagan vowed to "do everything I can to take this case to the country." "Unless reversed in coming days," Reagan said, "it will seriously set back our efforts to protect the nation's security and could handcuff our negotiators at the arms table."

By 245-176, the house voted to delete from a \$231.1 billion defense spending bill all \$988 million earmarked to buy the first five of a planned 100 of the nuclear-tipped, intercontinental missiles.

The vote marked a personal defeat for Reagan, who had led an intensive administration lobbying campaign to keep the production money intact.

Arrayed against him in the battle for votes were advocates of a U.S.-Soviet nuclear freeze and members who contended that the MX was a good place to make budget economies and that its proposed basing system has not received congressional approval.

Secretary of State George Shultz, who is visiting Belgium, tried to pacify nervous Europeans Wednesday by saying that the house vote against the MX missile doesn't signal an end to U.S. plans to modernize its nuclear arsenal.

He also predicted the house vote would be overturned. He said the Reagan administration would be "working with the American people to make sure they understand fully the implications and the importance of the deployment of the MX missile."

Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger called the House vote a setback but said the administration was determined to produce the weapon.

He said in Washington the house vote indicated the administration had not succeeded

in conveying to the American people and the Congress the really serious nature of the peril.

In Moscow the rejection of MX bill was greeted Wednesday by unofficial Soviet sources with cautious satisfaction.

The sources viewed the vote as an indication that Congress, considered more sensitive to public opinion than the White House, could reverse the current U.S. thrust toward a massive arms buildup. However, the sources said it remained to be seen if the Senate would follow the house's vote.

They said U.S. President Ronald Reagan's assumption that the MX is necessary for success in negotiations on strategic arms control was "based on false reasoning." Moscow would not negotiate under such pressure because its aim was to slow the arms race, they said.

Fahd visits Madrid

BAHRAIN, Dec. 8 (R) — King Fahd has returned to Fez, Morocco, after a brief visit to Madrid Tuesday during which he dined with King Juan Carlos.

The hunch was also attended by Premier Felipe Gonzalez and Foreign Minister Fernando Moran, officials said.

Although matters discussed were not made public, sources close to the government indicated they were believed to have dealt with Spain's relations with the Arab countries following the Socialist arrival to power.

Another matter believed discussed was on petroleum, as Saudi Arabia is Spain's main supplier of crude oil.

Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, who visited Moscow and Peking as a member of an Arab League delegation this week, also arrived in Fez Tuesday night.

The seven-member delegation, which has also visited Washington and Paris, has been explaining an Arab Middle East peace plan which calls for an independent Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Danes halt NATO funds

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 8 (R) — Denmark has decided to freeze its future payments toward stinging new U.S. missiles in Western Europe, breaking ranks with its 15 partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and dealing a setback to NATO plans to modernize its nuclear arsenal.

In a move bitterly opposed by the conservative-led minority government, the Folketing (parliament) Tuesday passed a motion by the opposition Social Democrats calling for suspension of Denmark's future contributions to NATO's infrastructure program "until further notice."

Social Democratic leader and former Prime Minister Anker Joergensen, whose previous minority government decided to allocate the first installment of funds for the nuclear sites, said his party tabled the motion because "of the need to take concrete action toward ensuring detente."

Prime Minister Poul Schluter, leader of Denmark's shaky coalition government since

last September, condemned the move and said it broke with the parliamentary consensus on which Denmark had based its foreign policy since 1945. The decision is expected to embarrass Schluter when he meets President Reagan in Washington next Monday, Danish government officials said.

The motion's approval means Danish contributions to NATO modernization, put at around 75 million crowns (\$8.8 million) will be frozen from next autumn with around two thirds of sum still outstanding.

In presenting his party's proposal to parliament, Joergensen said: "We feel ourselves morally bound to paying these 26 million crowns, but further installments will depend on international developments."

The motion, while freezing future Danish contributions, reaffirmed Danish loyalty to NATO's basic defense lines and said detente remained a top priority of Danish foreign policy.

U.S. plans Mideast command center

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The Pentagon was expected to announce Wednesday the creation of a new central command responsible for protecting U.S. security interests across a wide swath of the Middle East, Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean areas.

The command will be empowered to draw from a pool of about 230,000 troops in the United States in event of a war emergency in that critical region.

It is an outgrowth of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force created by the Carter administration in 1980, in the wake of the Iranian revolution and the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The new command will be made up of army, air force, navy and marine units. Its area of operations will stretch from Pakistan to Egypt. The only countries excluded will be Syria, Lebanon and Israel, which will remain

the responsibility of the U.S.-European Command headquartered in West Germany.

The new command will get its orders directly from the joint chiefs of staff. At the same time, sources said, U.S. readiness command will be authorized to draw troops from the central command's forces if that is necessary to deal with crises elsewhere in the world. The readiness command and the central command both have headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

Although the central command will be able to call on as many units as it needs, sources said its priority units will include the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, the 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Georgia and a number of air force fighter wings.

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Yanbu center opened

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — On behalf of Planning Minister Hisham Nazer, Dr. Yusuf Ibrahim Al-Turki, director general of Yanbu projects Wednesday opened the first permanent telecommunications center at the industrial city of Yanbu.

The center will enable the city to contact various parts of Saudi Arabia and other countries. After cutting the ribbon, Dr. Turki dialed the first call to the director of the U.S. firm Banzam in California. The center provides 6,000 lines. It took a record 23 weeks to build.

Additional power for rising loads

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — An additional 556 megawatts of electric power will be produced to meet the increasing loads in Makkah, Jeddah and Yanbu, a spokesman for the Western Province Electricity Company said Wednesday.

The spokesman, director general Dr. Talal Bakr, said that the company's board, meeting recently under its chairman Mahmoud Taiba, agreed to procure additional generators for Makkah and Jeddah of a 200 megawatt capacity to cope with the anticipated loads during the summer of 1984.

Saudi American Bank seminar begins today

RIYADH, Dec. 8 — Saudi American Bank is sponsoring a two-day seminar on trade finance in here, Dec. 9-10 at the Hyatt Hotel.

The seminar is aimed at senior financial managers working for Saudi Arabian companies and joint ventures. Topics include commercial and clean letters of credit, bank-ers' acceptances, bonds, guarantees, and also commercial paper collections. There will be a lecture, in addition, on the cash cycle of trading companies.

Seminar leader will be Robert Feldman, a trade finance specialist from Citibank in New York. Approximately 24 representatives from all over the Kingdom will participate in the seminar.



Hisham Nazer

Advice given about viewing solar eclipse

Ahmad K. Khuroo
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The solar eclipse occurring on Wednesday, December 15 will begin at 11.13 a.m. instead of 11.15 a.m. as reported earlier. According to Prof. Edward H. Brooks from the Department of Meteorology and Earth Sciences at King Abdul Aziz University, the solar eclipse will reach its maximum at 12.31 p.m. and end at 1.48 p.m. The eclipse will cover 29 percent of the sun's diameter and 25 percent of its surface.

The expert cautioned the citizens from trying to view the sun with the naked eye as it is likely to cause blindness. He advised viewers to see the phenomenon through several layers of black exposed film or medium that would filter out the rays.

Several functions and programs scheduled to take place on solar eclipse day are being cancelled. Special prayers are being planned for that day.

Meteorologists meeting in Oman

RIYADH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Meteorology experts in the Gulf Cooperation Council will hold their first meeting in Oman on Dec. 31. They will discuss topics related to enhancing cooperation and exchange expertise in various fields.

Higher Islamic Dawa Institute scholars graduate

DHAHRAN, Dec. 8 (SPA) — A group of students which attended a special course organized by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud

ROC-Saudi crude deal contracted

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 (CNA) — Chinese Ambassador Hsueh Yu-Chi, acting on behalf of the government of the Republic of China, signed Tuesday in Riyadh the crude oil sales contract between Saudi Arabia and his government.

Ambassador Hsueh, accompanied by Chang Hung-Chiang, representative of Chinese Petroleum Corp. (CPC) in the Kingdom, went to the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources to sign the contract with Minister of Petroleum Ahmed Zaki Yamani. Chang said the term of the new contract has been extended from one year to three years while other conditions including prices and purchase quantity remain the same as those of this year's contract.

The new contract will take effect from January 1, 1983.

Chang said the CPC currently officially buys from the Kingdom 50,000 bpd of crude oil, in which Saudi Arabian light crude oil accounts for 21,000 barrels. Saudi Arabian medium crude oil 15,000 barrels and Saudi Arabian heavy oil 14,000 barrels.

However, the total oil purchase of the Republic of China from the Kingdom, said Chang, amounts to some 150,000 bpd, most of which are bought through United States' oil companies.

Jeddah refinery capacity rises

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The production capacity of Jeddah's oil refinery has risen to 92,000 barrels per day and the staff now totals 1,890, of whom 80 percent are Saudi Arabians. *Al-Bilad* reported. The establishment of the refinery began 20 years ago when the petrochemicals distributing point was taken over by Petromin from Aramco which developed it to cover the constantly increasing demand in the Western Province.



Ambassador Hsueh Yu-Chi

Teaching hospital renamed

ALKHOBAR, (SPA) — Ahsa King Faisal University's teaching hospital in Alkhobar has been named after King Fahd. University Rector Dr. Muhammad Saeed Al-Qashtani said Monday that Higher Education Minister Hassan ibn Abdullah Al-Sbeikh has instructed the naming in appreciation of King Fahd's caring and enormous services to citizens.

Canadian cooperation
RIYADH, (SPA) — Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri conferred here Wednesday with the Canadian ambassador to the Kingdom on bilateral cooperation in fields of sea transportation and railways. The Canadian ambassador admired the Kingdom's achievements in all sectors, specially in roads and transporting fields.

Bilateral relations
SANAA, (SPA) — North Yemeni Premier Dr. Abdul-Karim Al-Iryani conferred with Saudi Arabian Ambassador in Sanaa Tarad Al-Hareithi on bilateral relations and coordination in various fields.

Child care post
RIYADH, (SPA) — Prince Fahd ibn Sul-

Arab children's conference calls for health awareness

ABU DHABI, Dec. 8 (WAM) — The Arab Children's Health Conference Wednesday recommended the spread of health awareness among mothers and propagate the basic health information through the media.

At the end of a four-day conference here, the conferees called on responsible officials to provide courses and supervisors to inform mothers about basic child care and solve their medical problems.

They also called for the convocation of medical seminars in cooperation with the ministry of health and labor to restore normal relations between mothers and children and dispense with total dependence on

maids. The recommendations also called for the encouragement of natural feeding and solid working mothers who have hospitalized children should be given sick leave.

Maternity leaves should be extended to at least three months instead of 45 days. Working mothers should be granted a one-year leave without pay to bring up their babies provided their posts still remain.

The conferees also recommended the establishment of health nurseries in major institutes, improving the role of school health, providing safe parks and encourage swimming in healthy pools.

BRIEFS

tan deputy minister of labor and social affairs was chosen to the post of deputy president of the International Union of Childcare. The decision was taken during the union's meeting in Geneva last month. The Kingdom has contributed 300,000 Swiss francs to support the union's activities.

Malaysian visit
KUALA LUMPUR, (SPA) — Muslim World League Secretary General Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan was received here by Malaysian Religious Affairs Minister Anwar Ibrahim. Issues related to Islamic dawa in Malaysia and a general program for the Malaysian council of mosques, which began Wednesday, were discussed during the meeting attended by MWL Assistance Secretary General Muhammad Safwat Al-Saeed. Sheikh Harakan is on a visit to Malaysia in the context of a tour of South East Asian countries.

Saudi Hotels officials

RIYADH, (SPA) — Dr. Faisal Beshir, deputy minister of planning has been chosen to head the Saudi Hotels and Tourism Company. In the same meeting of the board of directors, of the company Sulman Al-

Humaid was selected to be his deputy.

Saudia meeting in Germany
JEDDAH, — Saudia's heads of reservation offices throughout Saudi Arabia will hold an expanded meeting in Frankfurt, West Germany soon to discuss ways and means of improving reservation *Al-Madina* reported Tuesday.

Youth trip organized
MADINAH, (SPA) — The Youth care office in Madinah is organizing a three-day trip to Madinah Salih within its general program for social activities and camps adopted for this year. Around 30 members of the areas clubs are participating in the trip plus three supervisors. The office is organizing educational competitions for the young people in the area too. A sum of SR40,000 is allotted for the first five winners.

Children's center
TAIF, — A special center for gifted children was opened here *Al-Bilad* reported Wednesday. The center, run by Taif Educational Zone, is open six days a week in the afternoon and all day Thursday. It enables the students to study the subjects they select and develop their artistic or technical hobbies.



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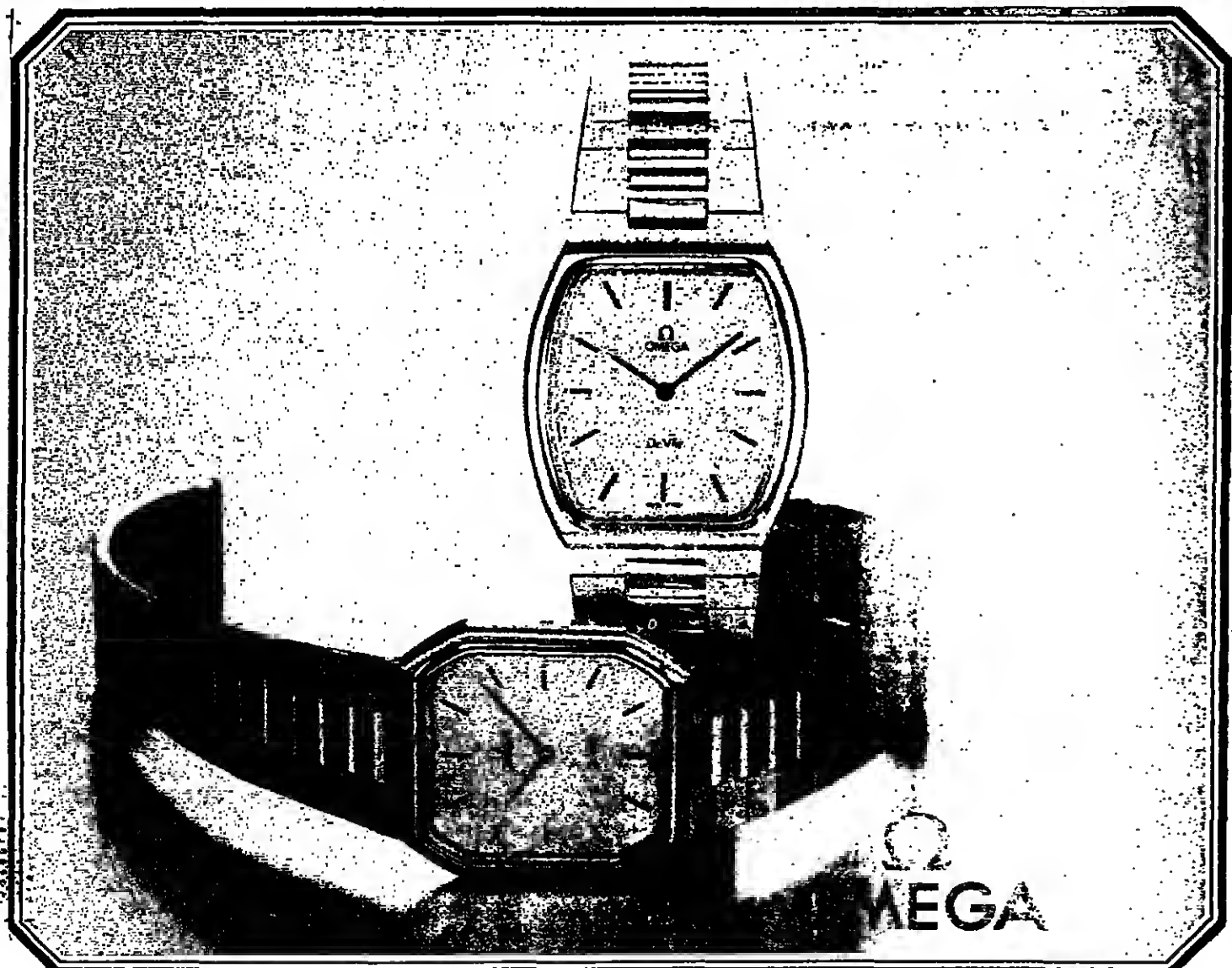
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Giant leap predicted in Kingdom's phone lines

DAMMAM, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Operating telephone lines in the Kingdom have reached 1.2 million and are expected to top 1.5 million lines soon according to Minister of Posts, Telephone and Telegraph (PTT) Dr. Alwi Darwish Kayal.

The minister conducted an inspection tour Wednesday in the Eastern Province accompanied by the ministry's senior officials in province; his tour included visits to Alkhobar, Qatif, Dhahran and the ministry's departments in Dammam.

Dr. Kayal declared that the coming six months will witness introducing into service of an automatic classification system for letters which will operate in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dammam. The project, which is about to be completed, will allow for 30,000 letters to be classified in one hour. Tenders for this project are expected to be announced soon.

The object of his tour, Dr. Kayal said, is to inspect PTT projects in the area and especially the maritime telephone station in Dammam, which is going to provide ships with communications to the land.

The minister said that the goal of his ministry is to improve its services.

Dammam-Ras Tanura Expressway completed

DAMMAM, Dec. 8 (SPA) — The Dammam-Ras Tanura Expressway has been completed and handed over to the ministry of transport. The 41-kilometer-long road consists of six lanes in each direction and an island in the middle of the city of Safwa. From Safwa to Ras Tanura the road consists of two



NEW EXCHANGE: A technician installs one of the many new telephone exchanges which has made Saudi Telephone one of the fastest growing telephone systems in the world.

Province plans 8 labor branches

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 (SPA) — The labor office in the Western Province have issued 27,120 labor licenses, arranged for transferring 6,408 sponsorships and looked into 491 dispute cases. The director of the office Muhammad Ali Al-Thagafi said that eight branch offices will open soon in Makkah, Medinah, Taif, Tabuk, Yanbu, Wedgh, Quraia and Al-Ola to help the public conduct their business.

Director of Roads Department in the Eastern Province Sami Foda said that the SR248 million road was constructed to cope with the incessant increase in traffic in that area.

Operational phone lines exceed .7m

RIYADH, Dec. 8 — The number of working telephone lines in the Kingdom surged to over 700,000 in October according to a recent Saudi Telephone report.

Fouad Abu Mansour, assistant deputy minister for operations and maintenance affairs at Saudi Telephone, recently attended a meeting where this accomplishment was praised — the 700,000 line milestone is a very important goal for Saudi Telephone in the current Five-Year Development Plan. The meeting also overwhelmingly lauded the Saudi Arabian public for their support and acceptance of many improved systems and procedures that have been instituted by Saudi Telephone in the past few years.

Among the advanced procedures noted in the session was the quarterly billing system. Last month the overwhelming majority of Saudi Arabia's telephone subscribers paid their telephone bill within the prescribed time period. Furthermore, it was reported in the major centers that the incidence of advanced payment of customers' telephone bills increased during the most recent billing period. It is readily apparent that Saudi Telephone's customers are developing good payment habits, in the benefit of everyone.

In another highlight of the meeting, Mansour outlined the "new customer payment system" that will greatly facilitate payment procedures. This new system is intended to replace the current method of manually transferring payment information from payment offices throughout the Kingdom to the large Saudi Telephone computer in Riyadh. The new system will allow payment information to be entered into any one of the 160 payment terminals across the nation, this information is retrieved at night automatically and instantly transmitted to the central computer. This electronic system is available in only a handful of countries.

Children may hear stories by telephone

MADINAH, Dec. 8 — Children in Saudi Arabia might soon become among the luckiest in the world when they pick-up the receiver and listen to their favorite stories, *Al-Bilad* reported Wednesday.

A Saudi Telephone spokesman here said that all that the children will have to do is learn to dial certain numbers and the voice will immediately start to narrate their special stories. There will be stories to suit every age. Educators and intellectuals are at present preparing the necessary material. The only problem is that the Kingdom's private phones will certainly be busy all the time.



TELEPHONE OFFICE: New telephone subscribers are now being offered efficient and uncrowded service at a number of new subscription offices which have been opened in many parts of the Kingdom.

Taif gets more telephones

Working lines reach 43,434

TAIF, Dec. 8 (SPA) — Five hundred and forty telephone lines were installed here during the second half of last month, bringing the total number of operating lines to 43,434 including the central exchanges. Saudi Telephone and Telex, Taif Area Director Alwi Mattar added that new distribution points are being constructed to meet new and delayed applications.

Matter went further to say that installation percentage within 24 hours has reached 27.9 percent, within one week 95.6 percent and

within two weeks 98.2 percent; while the repair percentage has reached 89.46 percent in less than eight hours, 98.98 percent in less than 36 hours and 99.27 percent in less than seven days, which are good percentages according to Alwi.

Bills distribution is going well too, reaching 100 percent in some cases. Alwi added that all leading positions in the company have been Sandized with Saudi Arabians now occupying 70 percent of the total workforce.

Computer phone technology to expand

RIYADH, Dec. 8 — Saudi Telephone is assuring the Kingdom's lead in the Middle East in the use of sophisticated computer technology by expanding its already massive computer center in Riyadh. Saudi Telephone is presently doubling its computer facility's computing capacity, and is adding 2,500 square meters of office space.

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to Saudi Arabian nationals who are looking for space-age careers.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:18	3:14	2:45	2:29	2:53	3:19
Maghreb (Sunset)	5:40	5:35	5:06	4:49	5:13	5:39
Isha (Night)	7:10	7:05	6:36	6:19	6:43	7:09

Norwegian Embassy bids due Jan. 10

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The Norwegian Embassy will receive bids on Jan. 10 for construction of its new embassy in Riyadh, according to an embassy official here.

The building project will be supervised by the Norwegian Building and Property Directorate, he said.

The new buildings, on a site measuring 6,350 square meters, have been designed by Engineers Bonde and Co. of Oslo.

The total floor area of the buildings will be 1,700 square meters, including the chancery; the ambassador's residence and three staff houses. Landscaping, site work and a swimming pool will form part of the contract, the spokesman added.

Norway, which has shortlisted nine companies, a German and most other Scandinavian, to bid on its new embassy, is among the embassies in the Kingdom who have been receiving bids for their transfer to the Diplomatic Quarter.

SAPTCO maps Jeddah network

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — SAPTCO, the Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company, has been urged to expand its urban network to cover 100 percent of the city instead of 82 percent as is the case at present. *Al-Bilad* reported Wednesday. The proposal was mooted at a meeting at Jeddah Traffic Department attended by Abdul Wahhab Mansouri, the director general for public transport.

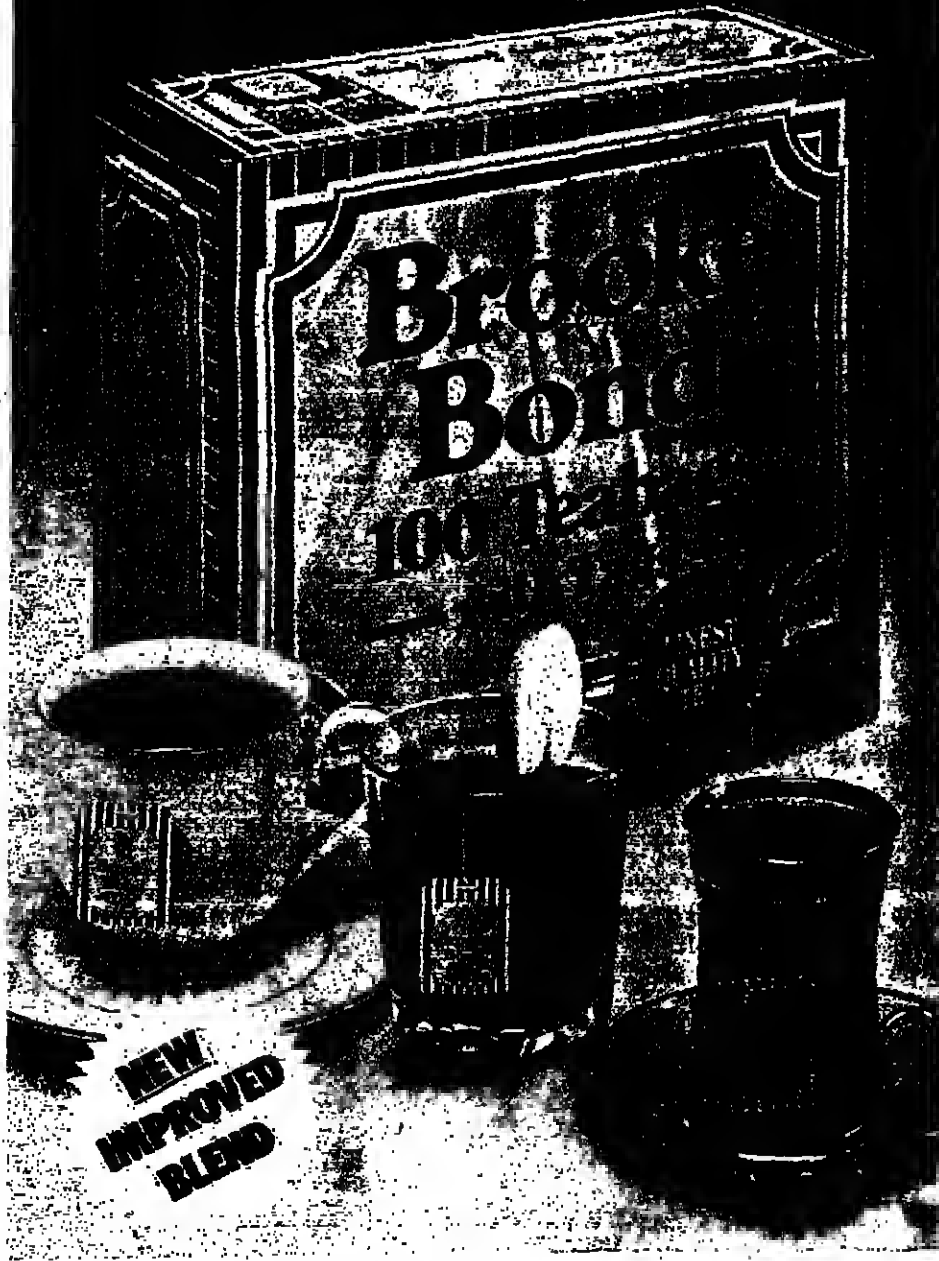
Meanwhile, Lt. Col. Shahhat Mufi, Jeddah's traffic commander, has banned microbuses from operating inside the city, as SAPTCO's network has now stretched to Kilo 14, Makkah Road. Mufi said that many of the owners of those mini-buses used to leave their underage children in the buses, which resulted in numerous accidents. He said the small buses were not worthy any longer of Jeddah's modern development and beauty.

Cabbies finding ways around new meters

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Taxi drivers here are not using the new taxi meters according to *Al-Bilad*. They either destroy them or pretend that they are not working, or show an astronomical figure on it, or simply cover it with a yellow cloth to indicate that the driver is no longer in service, but on a private trip.

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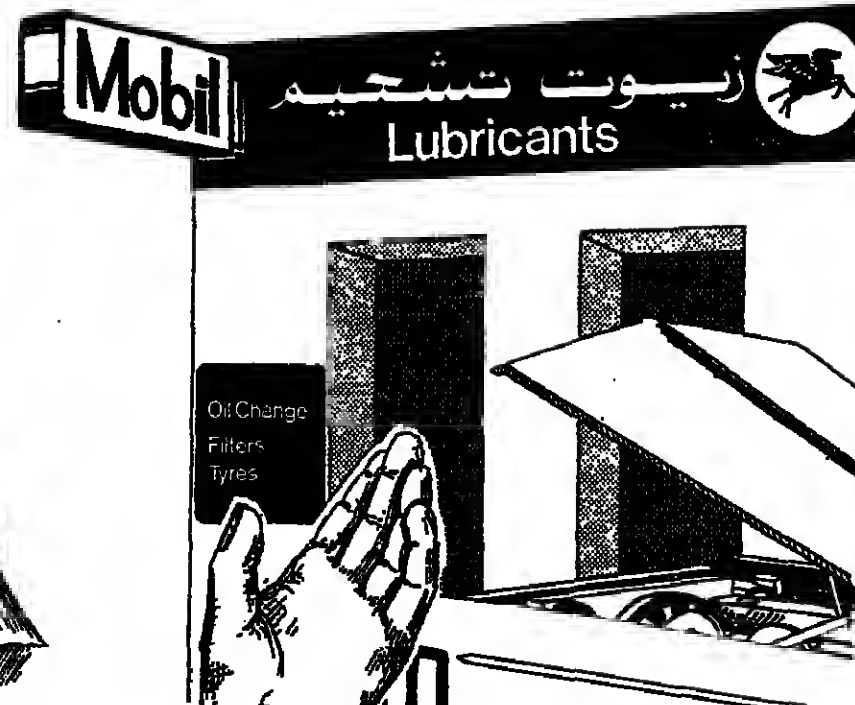
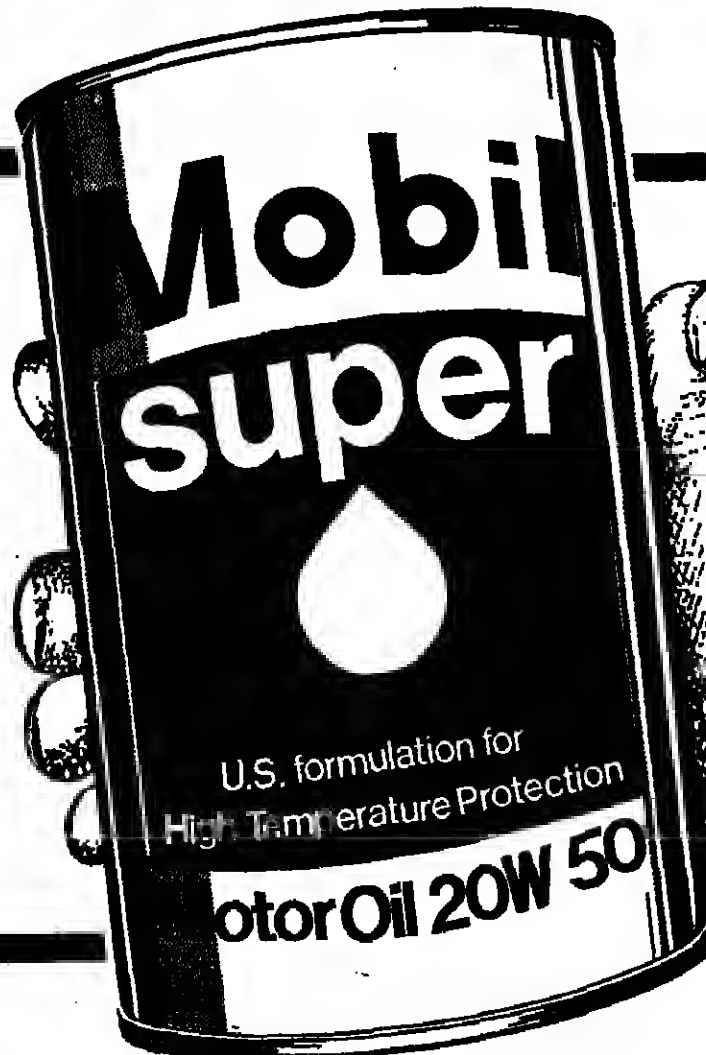
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Probe panel extending time for Begin, others

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8 (AP) — The commission of inquiry investigating the Beirut massacre announced Wednesday that it is extending the time that Prime Minister Menachem Begin and eight other top officials have to respond to warnings that they may be harmed by the panel's findings.

Commission spokesman Bezalel Gordon would not say how much more time the nine have. Israel radio reported that they have one more week, until Wednesday, Dec. 15, to inform the judicial committee if and how they will defend themselves against the possibility that they may be found negligent in allowing Lebanon's Christian militiamen into the Palestinian refugee camps last September. It (the deadline) has been extended at the request of several of the witnesses, Gordon told the Associated Press.

The radio said the request was made because some of the nine, including Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, are out of the country

and because others have just now hired lawyers. Those warned also include Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and top officials in the intelligence and defense establishments.

News reports say Sharon may ask to testify again, but that Begin and Shamir will only submit letters restating their cases. Civilian lawyers have been drafted into the army reserves to act as counsel for the military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, military intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Yehoshua Saguy and Maj. Gen. Amir Drory, the commander of Israeli forces in Lebanon.

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor, who previously practiced law, is representing Begin and studying evidence that has led the panel to warn the premier that he may be found negligent if he "did not appropriately consider the role" of the Christian forces and "ignored the danger of acts of revenge and bloodshed."

In three months

Jewish population in W. Bank settlements to be doubled

TEL AVIV, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — Israel will double the Jewish population living in settlements on the occupied West Bank within the next three months, an official spokesman said Wednesday.

Ze'ev Ben Yosef, spokesman of the world Zionist organization settlement department, told Reuters building work on 6,000 new houses in various Jewish settlements was nearing completion. "They will be ready within three months at the most. They have all been sold and when families move in, this will double the Jewish population," he said.

"Latest unofficial estimates have put the Jewish population of the 110 Israeli West Bank communities at 20,000-25,000. The new construction work is part of a masterplan drawn up by the settlement department which won Israeli government approval last year. It aims to increase the Jewish West Bank population to 100,000 by the end of 1986."

Ben Yosef said building work was ahead of schedule and the 100,000 target figure could

be achieved a year early.

Israel's settlement policy has been sharply criticized by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, who said it cast doubt on U.S.-sponsored Middle East efforts, and other American and European leaders.

The accelerated pace of construction work on the settlements has alarmed West Bank Palestinian leaders. About 820,000 Palestinians live in the area, which Israel occupied in 1967. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij told Reuters last week if the Palestinians did not start talking peace soon, "the Israeli takeover of the West Bank will leave us with no land to talk about."

Ben Yosef said the new houses were being built in existing settlements. Construction is going on in some entirely new urban settlements but these would take longer to complete, he said. Jordan has warned it will pass death sentences on local Arabs selling land to the Israelis. Despite this, Ben Yosef said settlers have been able to buy land from Palestinian residents.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AP) — U.S. Mideast envoys Philip Habib and Morris Draper met with top Reagan administration foreign policy and defense officials at the White House Wednesday to discuss the situation in Lebanon. Deputy Press Secretary Larry Speakes said Habib also plans to see President Ronald Reagan, but no specific meeting has been set.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — Israel has strongly protested the Indian government's decision to not allow an Israeli delegation to attend a U.N.-affiliated conference in New Delhi of the International Committee of Airport Authorities (ICA).

ANKARA, (AFP) — A Turkish martial law court Tuesday sentenced four police officers to three years in prison for torturing four members of a family — one fatally — to obtain confessions, judiciary sources said. The four family members had been arrested in October 1980 in Turkey's eastern province of Agri on suspicion of membership in a clandestine leftist organization.

KARACHI, (AFP) — Fatehiah Ali Khan, chief of the ultra-left Mazdoor-Kissan (labor-farmer) Party and a prominent leader of the eight-party Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) was arrested by the

martial law government at his home here Wednesday.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Strikes paralyzed public services in Israel Wednesday for the second successive day and trade unions threatened further industrial action after their present 48-hour walkout if the government did not offer improved pay.

ATHENS, (R) — Athens security police are holding two Arabs who hurled a home-made bomb at the Kuwait Airways offices at dawn Wednesday causing damage but no casualties, a police spokesman said. The two men, on a motorcycle, threw the explosive device and sped away but one of them was wounded and they stopped.

DACCA, (AP) — The martial law government has ordered trade union elections be suspended, and said existing officers of trade unions should remain in office for one year.

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, (R) — Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon and Honduran army chief Gustavo Alvarez have held talks which may have laid the groundwork for closer military cooperation between the Jewish state and Honduras, a key country in volatile Central America.



MURDERER: French police have released the portrait of a Moroccan workman, El Housseini Mellouk, 39, who had confessed to committing six murders within two months in the Paris industrial suburb of Gennévilliers, after he was arrested a few days ago.

Afghan situation tense, admits Russian paper

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (AP) — The Soviet Army newspaper *Red Army* Wednesday admitted that the situation is still tense in Afghanistan near the Pakistani border, following a recent clash between Soviet-Afghan forces and Muslim freedom fighters.

In a long front-page article, a Soviet officer serving in Afghanistan spoke of the difficulties Soviet-Afghan forces had in fighting rebels, who came down from their mountain hideouts to attack "sensitive" strategic points. The officer said Soviet forces recently hauled fire from rebels hidden behind rocks to clear a dam Afghan "bandits" had mined. The dam was near a village, which was not identified in *The Red Star* report.

The Soviet soldiers carried out a "long and difficult" task, clearing away British, West German and Italian-made mines after "the population" asked them to help, the soldier said.

Bayülken visits Amman

AMMAN, Dec. 8 (R) — Turkish Defense Minister Haluk Bayülken arrived here Wednesday for four days of talks on military cooperation with Jordanian officials, the Turkish embassy said.

King Hussein visited Turkey last month and was shown around a large arms factory outside Ankara. But officials declined to say whether Jordan was considering buying arms from Turkey.

Heikal urges Egyptians to give up U.S. mania

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (AP) — Muhammad Hassanin Heikal, a leading journalist and former statesman, urged Egypt in an interview published Wednesday to rid itself of "American mania" and settle for ordinary friendship with Washington instead.

Heikal also told the weekly newspaper *Al-Ahram*, organ of the opposition National Unionist Progressive Party, that a negative attitude by the Soviet Union was largely responsible for setbacks to national liberation movements worldwide since 1967. "We should not put Egypt at the disposal of 'American mania' which is governed by the establishment coming from the American West, with its stupidity and its aggressive posture," said Heikal in an apparent reference to President Ronald Reagan.

President Hosni Mubarak and other Egyptian officials have frequently spoken of a special relationship with the United States, the importance of U.S. military aid to Egypt and Washington's vital role in any Middle East peace settlement. But they have emphasized this did not detract from Egypt's policy of nonalignment.

Heikal disputed this in the interview, saying Egypt's involvement with the United States exposes it to great danger. "Egypt should not be an object of American adventures in the field of armament," he said. "This

makes Egypt a military target." Egypt has no interest in joint military maneuvers with the United States such as last year's "Bright Star" exercise in the Egyptian western desert, he said.

Heikal, a former minister of information, was a close confidant of the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser who died in 1970. He was editor of Egypt's leading newspaper *Al-Ahram* from the late fifties until 1974 when he fell out with Nasser's successor, Anwar Sadat, over peace policy toward Israel. Heikal has since been writing articles in Arab and British newspapers strongly criticizing Cairo's foreign and domestic policies.

"All we want is that Egypt keep out of the dangers arising from the role of the American military establishment," Heikal said. "Isn't the Israeli danger enough?" "All I am asking now is just plain friendship with the United States," he added. "Egypt should stop this blind and ignoble surrender of all cards in the (Middle East peace) game to the United States alone."

Like Sadat, Mubarak has often said the United States holds most if not all the cards in Middle East peacemaking by virtue of its influence over Israel. Heikal said that if the Soviet Union had been "bolder and more active" since the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, "the picture would have changed."

250 types from 17 countries

Lebanon explosives search baffles

BEIRUT, Dec. 8 (AP) — Teams of American-led Lebanese trying to clear this city of dangerous unexploded bombs and shells have found 250 different kinds of explosives from 17 countries so far, a U.S. expert said Wednesday.

"That's an indication, not a total," said U.S. Navy Lt. Commander John Boyden, head of a 13-man team training the Lebanese Army in explosive ordnance disposal.

"We can surface clean, picking up what we can see, within the next year. But when they clear all the rubble, they are going to be finding ordnance for at least ten years," added Boyden, who is from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A partial list of dud and unexploded bombs and shells found in about six weeks of work by the team includes more than 200 U.S.-made bomblets from cluster bombs, more than a dozen dud bombs, ranging from 500 to

2,000 pounds, and hundreds of mines and grenades. This does not count the explosives found by the Italian and French contingents in the multinational force, or a separate U.S. marine disposal unit working near the airport.

Much of the weaponry was stored here by the Palestine Liberation Organization and the Syrian Army before the June 6 Israeli invasion, and armed by fires or the explosion of bombs and shells nearby. It ranges from the most modern types to World War II grenades and mines.

"We have found about 80 types we've never seen before," Boyden said. "It came from Yugoslavia, West Germany, Spain, Portugal, North Korea, all over the world."

Approximately 3-to-5 percent of the tens of thousands of shells and bombs thrown into the city by the Israelis failed to go off, and are considered highly dangerous, he added.

Iran elections tomorrow to pick 'experts'

TEHRAN, Dec. 8 (APF) — Iran moves to strengthen its state structures on Friday with elections for an "assembly of experts" empowered to find a successor to the nation's "revolutionary guide" Ayatollah Khomeini.

The Ayatollah himself, in a message to his people, said that it was a duty for them to vote and choose a guide. All Iranian men and women over the age of 16 will be called on to vote for the 86-seat assembly, whose role was laid down in the 1979 constitution as choosing a successor to Ayatollah Khomeini.

But ever since the announcement of the elections, which have been postponed several times, Parliament Speaker Hojatoleslam Hashemi Rafsanjani has stated that it was probable that the assembly would not have to nominate a new leader as one would be "spontaneously" chosen by the people. He said that Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri was the best man for such a post.

Since then, several religious leaders, as well as Iran's main daily newspapers, have echoed this choice and started what in any other country would be looked on as an electoral campaign in his favor.

U.N. committee refuses to hear Turkish Cypriot

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (AP) — The U.N. General Assembly's Social Committee refused Tuesday to let a Turkish Cypriot give a speech on missing persons in Cyprus in connection with a pending resolution on that subject.

Ambassador A. Coskun Kirca, head of Turkey's U.N. mission, had asked in writing that a "representative of the Turkish Cypriot community, Dr. Latif Birgen, member of the committee on missing persons in Cyprus," be allowed to address the committee. But the request drew opposition from Cyprus and Greece and also from a nonaligned-movement contact group made up of Algeria, Mali, Cuba, Guyana, India, Sri Lanka and Yugoslavia. The basic argument was that hearing one side now on a subject of controversy between Greek and Turkish Cypriots would be ill timed.

Finally, the committee voted 59-34 against granting Birgen a hearing. There were 28 abstentions.

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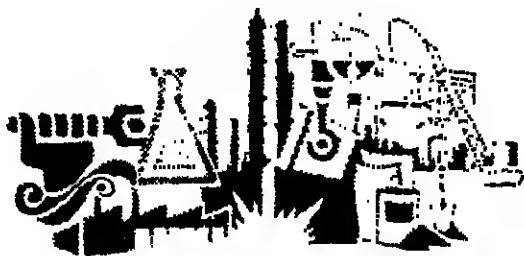
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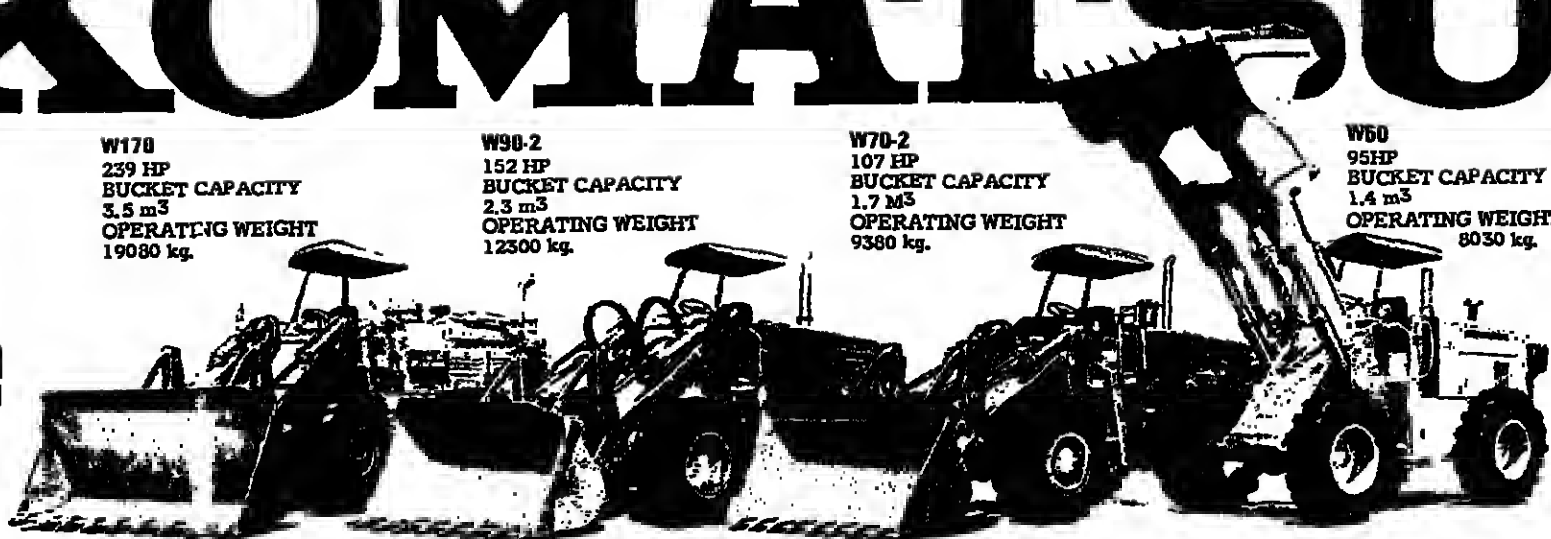
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President Zia's visit to Washington brings into focus the huge responsibility that Pakistan has been shouldering since the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan.

Apart from minor international aid to the refugees and the odd gun delivered to them, Pakistan has borne the brunt of the entire conflict. A poor country in its right, Pakistan has welcomed nearly three million refugees without even contemplating refusal of entry to any one of them. Feeding the refugees is not the only problem. Accommodating three million persons is a staggering job in the best of times, and controlling them calls for an army of security men and women.

All these demands on Islamabad have been met with grace and generosity with international assistance making only marginal contributions to the overall task.

But the real danger lies elsewhere. Pakistan has been giving sanctuaries to the Mujahideen fighters struggling against the Soviet invaders and their Afghan puppets. Without Pakistani cooperation the Afghan struggle might have been snuffed out a long time ago and Afghanistan would have been thoroughly trampled by the invasion force and probably incorporated into the Soviet empire like the former Islamic republics which flourished in the region before the Russian revolution.

It is feared, therefore, that the Soviet Union might someday decide that enough is enough and that Pakistan has gone too far in obstructing its drive of hegemony in Afghanistan and its movement toward the Gulf region.

While Pakistan has been actually shielding so many other states against Soviet encroachment, it may not be too far from immediate succor once it faces up to the Russian bear. It may well have to fight alone for its survival.

Until then the world, including the United States, must be grateful to Pakistan for all that it is doing to keep the Soviets at bay.

Saudi Arabian press review

Al-Bilad said Wednesday the outcome of an Arab League delegation's visits to Moscow andeking had succeeded in gaining more support for the Middle East and the Palestine cause. It highlighted the importance and concern being shown by world countries toward the necessity to ensure peace in the Middle East.

It noted the Chinese approval of Arab peace plan means there is new and comprehensive content for peace.

Okaz said U.S. spokeswoman Philip Habib's visit to Saudi Arabia had a special importance as it followed visits by an Arab League delegation to Moscow and Peking.

Okaz said there was a "new dimension" in the situation in the Middle East based on the outcome of the delegation's visit to Moscow and Peking which joined their support for the peace plan.

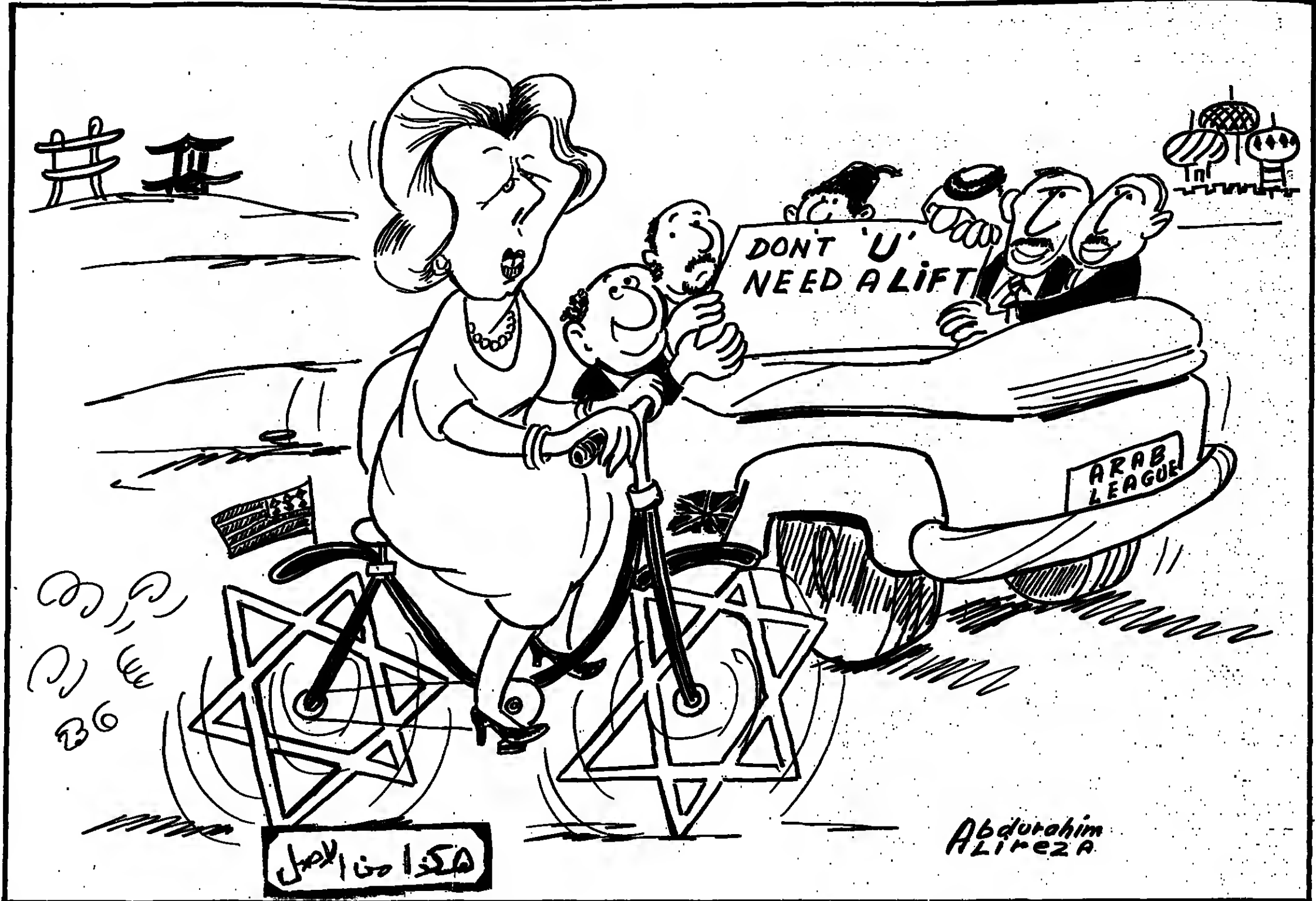
Jazirah welcomed the visit of Yasser Arafat's recent to the Kingdom and noted Arabia's "determination to the Palestinian people

and their rights." The paper said the Kingdom's support for the Palestinians without paying any heed to the cost emanated from its firm belief to "back them in a just struggle to liberate their country and recover their rights."

Commenting on strikes in occupied Arab lands, **Al-Yom** said it was the result of a conflict between the Israeli government and its various groups of people as well as inflation, soaring prices of essential commodities and depletion of the country's deposits in view of heavy Zionist expenditure on wars and invasions.

The paper noted that Israel would not be able to ensure welfare for its people as long as it continued to "usurp Arab lands and displace its people." Meanwhile, **Al-Riyadh** said the battle of Beirut had demonstrated the Palestinian people's strong will and determination "to continue a just struggle to recover their legitimate rights."

The paper noted that history would "provide ample evidence on the Palestinian people's heroic struggle against mighty enemy equipped with all sophisticated weapons."



Andropov begins fight against inefficiency

By Steven R. Hurst

MOSCOW — There are clear signs that Yuri V. Andropov, the new Soviet leader, wasn't bluffing when he promised to shake things up.

For years, former Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev, who died Nov. 10 after 18 years in power, often publicly castigated ministers and top officials by name. Rarely, however, did he follow up the complaints with dismissals.

But in the month since Brezhnev died and Andropov succeeded him as general secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee, the country's most powerful position, there have been several major personnel changes. "Apparently, the strength of inertia and adherence to old ways are still at work. Moreover, some people, perhaps, just do not know how to set about doing the job," Andropov said in his first major speech last month.

Since then, the railway minister has been fired, the chief of the young Communist League has been promoted to head the state publishing committee and the man who held that important job previously reportedly is in line to take over the central committee's propaganda department.

Boris I. Stukalin, 59, was the powerful chairman of the state committee of publishing houses, printing plants and book trade for 12 years, dictating what books could be published in the Soviet Union and what foreign publications could be imported.

On Monday, he was replaced by Boris N. Pastukhov, 49, who led the 38-million-member Communist Youth League, Komsomol, for five years. Komsomol membership is regarded as a prerequisite for membership in the party. Stukalin was promoted to the post of chief of the central committee propaganda department, replacing Yevgeny M. Tyazhelnikov.

There was no official announcement on Stukalin's promotion, but Tuesday night he was identified by his new title in a television report on a celebration devoted to the forthcoming 60th anniversary of the Soviet Union. Soviet sources said that Tyazhelnikov was being demoted and would be sent to Romania as ambassador to replace Vasily Drozdenko, who died suddenly Nov. 30.

The changes Andropov has made so far are not transcendent but they do provide clues about the next generation of Soviet leaders who will be waiting in the wings while the 68-year-old Andropov conducts his transition leadership.

If Stukalin becomes propaganda chief, his background would indicate a continuation of doctrinaire communist rhetoric. He began as editor of regional Soviet newspapers in the 1950s. In the next decade, he moved to Moscow to become a deputy and then first deputy editor of *Pravda*, the Communist Party daily newspaper and major propaganda outlet.

He has been a member of the central committee since 1976 and is also a member of the Soviet parliamentary group, deputy chairman of the journalists union and chairman of the Soviet-Philippines Friendship Society.

The first sign that the shakeup was underway came Nov. 29 with the firing of Railway Minister Ivan G. Pavlovski, 62, and the naming of Nikolai S. Konarev, age unknown, as his replacement. In a Nov. 22 speech to the central committee, Andropov bitterly attacked the ministry for continued poor performance, which he said was "deteriorating from one year to the next despite substantial assistance given" by the government.

"The organization of repairs and use of locomotives and the organization of traffic are at a low level at the ministry of railways. Apparently, not only the leadership of the ministry but also the U.S.S.R. Council of Ministers and the central committee will have to draw serious conclusions," Andropov warned.

Andropov said in his Nov. 22 speech that he had no "ready recipes" for reviving the stagnant Soviet economy but he said he was sure that "you cannot get things moving by slogans alone."

Many average Russians are happy with Andropov for making quick and hard decisions about getting rid of dead wood. Soviet citizens began complaining in Brezhnev's latter years that nothing was happening and there was increasing nostalgia for a strong leader like Josef Stalin. "Maybe Andropov will force people to work to get things done, and maybe then our lives will get better," said one Russian.

Soviet industrial growth this year hit only 2.8 percent, said to be the worst since World War II and labor productivity grew only 2 percent, a point and half below target for 1982. (AP)

Irish bomb attack reflects crisis

By Ed Blanche

LONDON — The bomb slaughter of 16 persons including 11 off-duty British soldiers in a Northern Ireland club is a grim milestone in the province's 13 years of sectarian bloodshed and deepens the feeling that there is no end in sight to the killings.

The bombing of the club in Ballykelly, near Londonderry, was the bloodiest act in the British province since the provisional Irish Republican Army killed 18 soldiers in a double-bomb ambush at Warrenpoint on Aug. 27, 1979. The Ballykelly massacre climaxed a wave of killings triggered by the Oct. 20 election of a 78-member Northern Ireland assembly which deepened polarization between Protestants and Roman Catholics.

Forty-seven persons were killed in the first eight months of this year, a relatively quiet spell for Ulster. But the same number have died since campaigning started for the assembly on Oct. 1. Altogether, 2,266 persons have been killed since 1969, including 367 regulars in the British Army.

The current surge of violence erupted after hard-liners on both sides were elected to the assembly that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government hoped would produce a power-sharing administration to restore political stability.

But the plan boomeranged. Far from encouraging moderates to emerge as peacemakers, minority Catholic voters elected five members of Sinn Fein, the Provos political front.

Protestants, who outnumber Catholics 2-1, elected 47 militants who have pledged never to share power with Catholics and demand that London restore majority rule suspended 10 years ago. The Provos are fighting to force the British out of the province and to reunite it with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic to end 60 years of partition.

The pro-British Protestants, descendants of English and Scottish "planters" who colonized Ireland 300 years ago, oppose a merger in which they will be dominated by Ireland's four million Catholics. Sinn Fein's success in the assembly poll, capturing one-third of the Catholic vote, was the latest in a 20-month string of electoral breakthroughs for the IRA that began during last year's hunger strike by jailed guerrillas in Belfast's Maze Prison.

Ten inmates starved themselves to death during the seventh-month fast before it collapsed in the face of Britain's refusal to meet their demand to be treated as political prisoners rather than criminals. The hunger strike, and the worldwide propaganda it won the Provos, widened the sectarian rift. Many people in London and Belfast think it set back any chance Britain had of getting the warring communities to bury their differences.

"It's almost impossible to see even a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel any more," lamented a Catholic politician in Belfast who asked not to be identified. "We have a political climate now that is bleaker than it's been for a decade. There simply does not seem to be any way of ending this nightmare for the foreseeable future." Both the IRA and their Protestant rivals report a surge in recruitment.

David Blakely, general secretary of the Irish Council of Churches, said in an interview: "We're facing a burlesque of history. Historical forces are pressing hard on our people. Is it any wonder that we, with our great divisions and tribalism, are having such difficulty creating a new society?"

Andy Tyrrie, "supreme commander" of the Ulster Defense Association, biggest of the Protestant paramilitary organizations, echoed loyalist bitterness at the IRA's success with the ballot and the bomb. "The Republicans have determined every move in Northern Ireland," he said at the UDA's Belfast headquarters a half-mile from Sinn Fein headquarters in turbulent Falls Road. "The loyalists have won nothing. We've been saying for years that Catholics support the IRA and the assembly elections proved it."

Protestant and Catholic gunmen and bombers once more stalk the grimy streets of Belfast's working class ghettos where the rival extremists operate. (AP)

Army discipline crumbles in Ghana

By Richard Hall

LONDON — More violence is feared in Ghana. The capital, Accra, is now calm after the coup attempt against Flight Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings but army discipline is crumbling in provincial towns inland.

Disorders have been particularly prevalent in northern Ghana, bordering Upper Volta, where dissident troops overthrew the regime of Col. Saye Zerbo five weeks ago. Coups have always been contagious in West Africa.

Rawlings held mass rallies in Accra after the rebels had been put down in an attempt to reinforce his control of the ruling Provisional National Defense Council, but much will depend in the next few days on the actions of Brig. Joseph Nunoo-Mensah, Ghana's chief of defense staff.

On the eve of the coup he had tried to resign from the PNDC, where he was Rawlings' deputy, warning that the army was "dissatisfied" and that there was a "tough and chaotic" situation in the country.

Nunoo-Mensah had been loyal to the young flight lieutenant since his first spell in power in 1979. After the coup that brought Rawlings back Dec. 31 last year, Nunoo-Mensah came to London to put the case for the new revolutionary regime. But the cohesion of the leadership has been breaking up since the murder of three of Ghana's high

court judges last July. It is common knowledge that the death squad that abducted the judges from their homes in Accra had links with the army — and with people close to the ruling PNDC.

Despite a long investigation, no arrests have been made. One principal suspect, a staff-sergeant, has been declared insane and cannot therefore be questioned. This failure to take a firm line over the murders has wrecked what support Rawlings might have had among the professional classes. He is now at loggerheads with the Ghana Bar Association, which has declared a boycott of the revolutionary People's Courts.

These courts have been handing out draconian sentences to businessmen and members of banned political parties for currency offences and black marketeering. There have been frequent claims that troops and police have beaten up suspects. Rawlings must rely heavily on the rank-and-file of the army to stay in power. The most militant spokesman of the soldiers on the seven-man defense council is Sergeant Aloka Akate-Pore, secretary of the "armed forces committees."

Before this week's fighting there had been several reported attempts to oust Rawlings. On Oct. 29, rumors swept Accra that Sergeant Akate-Pore had taken over from him. This followed a bitter quarrel among the leadership. The cause is now known to be the failure to begin any proceedings

against the suspected killers of the high court judges. A trade unionist, Amarte Kwei, who suddenly resigned from the defense council six weeks after the killings, is reported to be under arrest.

Another member who resigned, Vincent Damuah, had spoken out strongly against the murders. A left-wing Catholic priest, Father Damuah, had also fallen out with the previous civilian regime of President Hilla Limann for criticizing the "exploitation" of the ordinary people by a wealthy elite.

Caught in the cross-currents of antagonism within Ghanaian society, Rawlings is trying desperately to retain support among the young — who are suffering acutely from the mounting unemployment and poverty. A week before the latest coup attempt, he launched a Democratic Youth League.

He did not appear at the launching but promised in a speech read out for him that everything possible was being done to "change the wretched social and economic conditions" of the country. Sergeant Akate-Pore was present and said the league would collaborate with "progressive youth movements all over the world."

Akate-Pore is known to be closely in sympathy with Libya, which has been helping near-bankrupt Ghana with oil supplies. He also reflects a growing hostility to seeking help from Western financial agencies. (ONS)

Letter to the editor

Soccer Coverage

Dear Sir,
Appropos your report on Indo-Saudia soccer match in the *Asiad* (Arab News — Nov. 28), while fully conceding the football limitations of an Indian-eleven and being fully aware of the great strides made by the Kingdom, and their immense potentialities in the soccer field, I feel, as a lover of the game, without any bias or prejudice, your correspondent has not done justice to the valiant losers.

I expect more factual reporting in *Arab News* which has always given sports the deserving coverage. Congratulations to Saudi Arabia on their entry into the semifinals.

A football lover, Riyadh.

Today is Thursday, Dec. 9 the 343rd day of 1982. There are 22 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1625 — England and United Provinces agree to subsidize Denmark's Christian IV in his campaign against Germany.

1798 — Sardina's Charles Emmanuel abdicates.

1824 — Spanish army is defeated at Ayacucho, Peru, by Simon Bolivar's forces.

1905 — Separation of church and state is decreed in France.

1934 — Ethiopian and Italian troops clash on border between Italian Somaliland and Ethiopia.

1940 — British eighth army opens offensive in North Africa in World War II.

1944 — Allied troops crack German defenses near Aachen, Germany, in World War II.

1955 — Adnan Menderes forms ministry in Turkey.

1961 — Soviet Union breaks off relations with Albania.

1962 — Tanganyika becomes a republic within the British Commonwealth.

1969 — United States reveals 10-point peace plan for Middle East.

1971 — Indian troops pushing through East Pakistan report they have encircled the capital of Dacca.

1976 — U.N. General Assembly calls for Middle East peace conference at Geneva with Palestine Liberation Organization taking part.

Thought for today:

The common curse of mankind are folly and ignorance. — William Shakespeare, English playwright (1564-1616).

Zambia -- land of natural splendor

By L. Ramnarayan
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH — A visit to Zambia is quite exciting and an adventure that leaves behind enduring impressions in one's mind. The unbounded wealth of wildlife, the rich natural foliage and the friendliness of the people have a special magnetism.

Memories of the Bushmen, the original inhabitants who were driven out by the invading Bantus, flashed in my mind while embarking on a place in the heart of the African continent. I did conjure up visions of their movements around the bush with slow, effortless rhythm that embodies all the sensual power of a primordial creature, the rustle of their feathered headdresses and the musical clink of the bells around their limbs in the all-pervading silence of the jungle. But it is all history now, though the Zambians still maintain their traditions in a small way. Their weekly cultural revivals are still charming. It is on these occasions the modern Zambian tries to live out his ancestral past. But these are fleeting glimpses, because he once again returns to the concrete jungle, reveling in another type of wildlife. A far cry from the one seen in the natural jungle.

As you leave the city, your neighbors are the lion, the elephants huge tuskers — and the buffaloes with the cooling green everywhere except in autumn. Twilight in the jungle is alluring, as is the dawn. The whole area is enveloped in darkness even before the sun is set. For, golden rays seep through the minute opening in the thick foliage to illuminate the grandeur. But the natural beauty reaches its zenith in the morning when petals glow like diamonds as the golden hue breaks out in all its splendor.

Zambia is a landlocked country covering an area of about 750,000 square kilometers. Situated in the tropical belt, it enjoys a temperate climate. But its beauty lies in its unspoiled nature. It boasts of an environment that has remained unchanged since time immemorial. A country rich in scenic beauty and roaming wildlife. Happily an awareness of the need for preserving their natural wealth is growing among Zambians. Two vast and exciting sanctuaries is the result of this awareness. One is in Luangwa and the other at Kafue in the north. The Luangwa Park surrounds the Luangwa River and houses one of the largest concentrations of wildlife in the world. The variety of game represented is simply fantastic.

The king of the beasts roams the picturesque terrain with pride in the morning looking for a kill. The adventurous, though bleary-eyed, could enjoy the thrill of a hunt and if lucky can even take a shot at the lion — mind you, with a camera.

The tuskers are there aplenty leaving their trail of destruction as they move uprooting trees and vegetation. And then there are the hippos and the crocodiles living harmoniously in the river. Along with the carnivorous beasts are the herbivorous animals from the antelope family, zebras and giraffes.

The variety of antelopes is mind-boggling. The most commonly seen are the kudu, bushbuck, waterbuck, puku and the graceful impalas. A plethora of birds add to the glamour of the parks.

The lovely Kafue Park is different in terrain from the one in Luangwa. It is also bigger in size. Apart from every game boasted by the Luangwa Park, the Kafue, bordering the Kafue River, has additional herds of the antelope family. The female eland, biggest of the family, sitatunga, wildebeest, roan and the sable are the other varieties. The Busanga



VICTORIA FALLS: The waters of the Zambesi River tear headlong over the 1,600-meter-wide ledge down into the chasm over 100 meters below providing a grandeur that is almost peerless in the world. Below: Zebras are among the many attractions that await a tourist in the Kafue National Park, one of the largest game sanctuaries in Africa.



plains are ideal habitats for the loping cheetah, a nocturnal creature. And the Kafue River is a fisherman's paradise. Schools of fish span the entire river with the tiger fish being a special variety. The fish gets its name due to its facial resemblance to the tiger. And its bite is equally ferocious.

Apart from the roar of the lion in the jungle there is another roar which is quite captivating — the roar of the Victoria Falls. The Zambesi River meanders its way to Livingstone where it encounters a steep fall. Victoria Falls' original name — *Mosi-oa-Tunya* — is quite appropriate. It means "the smoke that thunders", and it is literally that.

The gallons of water that spiral downward lift a sheath of spray after a thunderous fall. To a distant observer, the spray looks like smoke gushing out from the ravines behind a constant din of thunder. But for all its name it is awesome.

Politically Zambia is stable. A predominantly English speaking nation, it is rich in copper resources, the very basis of Zambian economy. Dr. Kenneth Kuunda led Zambia to independence on Oct. 24 1964, an later proclaimed a one-party democratic state in December 1972.

Zambia has four main regional languages with 72 dialects. Although the living Tonga (Southerners), Lozi (Westerners), Bemba (Northerners) and the Nyanja (Easterners) are used for conversing, English continues to be the lingua franca.

To me Zambia presented the picture of unity amidst diversity. For all their diverse customs, the Zambians, as a people, remain a shining example of national cohesiveness in a continent notorious for inter-tribal rivalries. They are proud of their cultural and natural heritage, and rightly so.

Next September

Best-seller predicts Mount Fuji eruption

By Jim Abrams

TOKYO (AP) — Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak will explode next September in a burst of volcanic fury, a meteorologist claims in a book that has hit the best-sellers list here this year.

Masatoshi Sagara, in his book *The Great Explosion of Mount Fuji* says he is "90 percent certain" that the 3,776-meter conical volcano will erupt between Sept. 10 and 15. In a worst case scenario, he says a tenth of the mountain could be blown away, killing tens of thousands and cutting off communication and transportation for 20 million people in the densely populated Tokai Pacific coastal region.

Shortly before or after the eruption, Sagara says, Tokyo, only 90 kms east of the mountain, will be hit by the worst earthquake since 1923, when the great Kanto quake killed 140,000 in the Tokyo and Yokohama area. Sagara's theory, based on geophysical data, has been discounted by most Japanese volcanologists, but his book has sold 300,000 copies since coming out in August, and reminded many in this "land of volcanoes" how vulnerable they are to the forces of nature.

Japan has 200 volcanoes, and 67 of the earth's 800 active volcanoes on islands that make up only one-fourth of the earth's land mass. Five have erupted this year alone, including Mount Asama, whose volcanic ash last April spread as far as Tokyo, 140 kms away.

Mount Fuji, which since ancient times has been regarded as a sacred peak and is today a national symbol, has been silent since a major eruption in 1707. This fall, Sagara says, means that long pent-up energy within the volcano's heart could make the eruption, when it comes, that much more devastating.

Sagara, 62, is a former Meteorological Agency official who is operating a private long-range weather forecasting service. He contends that the world has entered a period of cold temperatures with regional droughts as a result of three factors — a decrease in sunspot activity, the gravitational pull caused by a rare line-up of six of the solar system's planets, and abnormally wide fluctuation of the earth on its axis.

He links these phenomena to recent eruptions at Mount St. Helens in the United States, Galunggung in Indonesia and El Chichon in Mexico. According to Sagara they also helped trigger the world's most powerful known eruption, on Indonesia's Krakatau in 1883 which killed about 36,000 compared with 15,000 casualties in 1793

when Unsen-Dake erupted in southwest Japan, unleashing a tidal wave. Exactly 100 years before Krakatau, 1,151 died in Mount Asama's most violent eruption in another low "sunspot" period.

In mid-September, Sagara predicts, a high pressure zone will force the Magma, or Molten Rock, under the earth toward Fuji's base. Rain from a seasonal typhoon will seep into the earth, creating storm when meeting the Magma, and the storm's low pressure area will weaken the atmosphere's downward push, letting the energies within the cone blow sky-high.

In an interview, Sagara said that since the book was published birds have disappeared from certain areas of the mountain, and hot springs have spilled forth in others, evidence of subterranean turmoil. "The Meteorological Agency is a government office and very cautious, but as a private scientist I have the leeway and responsibility to publish my findings," he said.

But Michiya Yoshimide of the agency's volcano office said that Sagara's book was "from an expert's view, nonsense." He acknowledged that Fuji is now regarded as an active volcano but said there are no indications an eruption is imminent. Fuji used to be classed as "dormant," but that word has gone into disuse since it is considered too hard to define.

Professor Kazuhiko Hamano of Yamanshi Gakuin University near the base of the mountain said Fuji was in "one of the most sedate" periods of the 18 years he has observed the majestic volcano. There were minor eruptions and other tell-tale phenomena for a 50-year period before the 1707 eruption, Hamano said. "So I don't expect an eruption for at least 50 years."

Sadaichi Osada of the Yamanshi Prefecture (state) Tourist Bureau said the mountain remains one of Japan's most popular tourist spots. Last year at least 500,000 people climbed to the half-way point accessible by road, while 120,000 reached the peak, where there is a weather station.

That accessibility troubles many. In the past, eruptions of remotely situated volcanoes caused relatively little damage. But today very active volcanoes are visited by thousands of tourists daily during the summer, and they tower over summer cottage villages.

"A major eruption today could cause terrible damage," Sagara said. "I pray that my prediction will be wrong." But to prepare for the worst, Sagara this month has put on the market a cassette tape to instruct people in how to cope with the coming conflagration.

U.K. women on warpath against nuclear missiles

By Stacey Cowles

GREENHAM COMMON, England (AP) — "NATO wants 96 U.S. nuclear Cruise missiles based here by next December, but they'll never make it," said a member of the women's peace camp at this Royal Air Force base. "I wouldn't be here if I didn't think we'd stop them."

Catherine Barker, a 24-year-old student who gave up courses at the London College of Printing to join the camp, warmed herself at the smoky campfire a few meters from the base's main gate.

For 15 months, she and nearly 100 other British women, aged 17 to 70, have staffed and supported Britain's first peace camp at the base 96 km east of London.

"It's a matter of life or death, for us, for our children, for everyone. The time has come when someone has to have the guts and determination to say 'enough' to the Russians and Americans," Miss Barker said.

The missiles, due to arrive by next December, are the first of 572 Cruise and Pershing II missiles to be deployed throughout Europe under a decision made by NATO in June 1979.

Last year's exceptionally cold winter, two evictions and the two-week imprisonment of 23 of their members have made the women even more determined to halt the deployment of missiles here. The 23 camp members were jailed last month for disturbing the peace during an attempt to blockade the base entrance.

This Sunday, the peace camp will host "embrace the base day." Mandy Bush, 25, who was formerly unemployed, said more than 8,000 women from Britain and Europe are expected to come to the base to link hands around its 13-km perimeter fence.

The camp's house trailers were confiscated after the evictions. So the women are now living in makeshift tents of orange, black and clear plastic sheeting strung between thin trees.

A eluter of tables and cabinets, charred pots, colored balloons dangling from a clothesline and welcome notices for visitors reflect the spirit behind the camp's organization, said Eleanor McManus, 25.

"No one's in charge of the camp really — it's a completely communal thing," said Miss McManus, teased by the rest of the women for joining the vegetarian camp after leaving her job as a butcher in Glasgow, Scotland.

"It just works out that we have 15 or 20 women living here all the time — A lot of us come and go," she said. "We've not got a strategy or an organization. What happens, happens. We only have a goal and everyone contributes. It works."

Londoner Connie Mansueto, 27, whose two young sons were missing school to visit the camp, said: "We're anxious to have men contribute too. They can take care of the children and do the housework."

"We want them to challenge their own masculinity, to reject violence accepted as a way of life in male-ruled society and stop their wars and the nuclear bombs that endanger us all," she said.

Some of the camp members nodded. Support for the camp in the form of publicity, food and cash donations has been overwhelming, said Miss Bush.

"We get hundreds of visitors and press every day. Local people supply us with dinner, firewood, warm clothing and occasionally hot baths at their homes," she said.

A woman in her 50s rushed toward the group and said: "I'm with you all the way, she then drove off."

The royal mail service delivered a pile of letters and postcards from supporters throughout Europe and from as far away as Japan, encouraging them in their vigil and demonstrations.

The women have given Britain's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), which claims 250,000 members, a big boost. A CND spokeswoman said the number of contributors has doubled this year and more than 10 other peace camps have sprung up at military air bases.

"We are a force to be reckoned with," said one of the Greenham protesters. "We'll be here as long as it takes."

Seismic tests threatening whale journey

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — As has happened repeatedly before, gray whales are migrating from Alaska to Mexico, but amidst accusations by environmentalists that oil-hungry mankind is threatening the journey.

Biologists at the Whale Center, a national organization based in nearby Oakland, say the resumption this week of seismic tests for oil off California's coast may irreparably damage the whales' hearing and confound their ability to complete the 9,600-km journey.

In the tests, two vessels — each armed with about three dozen cannons — fire blasts of compressed air at the ocean floor. Echoes bouncing back enable geologists to construct a picture of the ocean floor. "We are concerned that the whales' hearing may be severely damaged," said the Whale Center's executive director, Maxine McCloskey. "The sounds that are emitted are in the range of 225 decibels. We know this is very harmful for human ears and potentially painful for the whales."

The ships belong to Western Geophysical, a Texas-based firm that makes maps of the ocean floor for sale to oil companies. The ships, the *Western Horizon* and *Western Anchorage*, are working beyond the state of California's three-mile limit, in U.S. government waters and in the path of the whales who make the journey as much as 18 miles off the coast.

A moratorium on seismic blasts in state waters went into force last October when the California State Lands Commission began receiving complaints from fishermen that compressed-air testing was a scattering fish. Although the technique has been used in the Santa Barbara Channel, just north of Los Angeles, for as long as five years, it had not been tried previously in Northern California fishing grounds.

A task force appointed by the lands commission is expected to report soon that it could find no evidence of harm from the tests. But Maxine McCloskey is convinced that too little is known about the possible damage.

"We've been told that the sounds are great enough to destroy salmon eggs, so it could affect plenty of other living resources out there," she said.

All of the gray whale population, an estimated 16,500, participate in the annual migration south along the western Canadian and U.S. coasts, from now until about late February.

Sea wealth divides major powers

By Kerman Turner

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA (AP) — The United States and a handful of industrialized nations are isolating themselves from the rest of the world at the final U.N. Law of the Sea Conference here this week.

The meeting will end Friday with the signing ceremony for the Law of the Sea Convention, the first comprehensive treaty intended to establish law and order on the high seas. The major issue dividing the United States and some of its allies from the developing countries and the Socialist states is a basic disagreement over how the oceans should be mined.

At stake are trillions of dollars worth of potash-sized modules of manganese, copper, nickel and cobalt on the ocean floors. The U.S. position is that they belong to those able to mine them. The treaty takes the view that they should be shared by all mankind.

President Reagan said on July 9 that the seabed mining provisions would keep the United States from signing the treaty. He said U.S. would seek bilateral agreements with other industrialized countries which

already have engaged in exploration of the deep-sea minerals.

This policy is being interpreted by many nations represented here as an illegal "mini-treaty" between industrialized nations.

Jamaican Prime Minister Edward Seaga, whose conservative government supports the Reagan administration, first confronted the issue here. "A small number of countries has raised the specter of a 'mini-treaty' as an alternative legal regime to the convention," he said Monday at the Rose Hall Country Club Hotel during his welcome address. "But it cannot be possible that the proposed 'mini-treaty' could occupy any legal status in that it is contrary to the provisions of the law of the Sea Convention."

The theme has been repeated in many of the statements of governments which intend to sign the treaty on Friday. The conference chairman, Tommy T. B. Koh of Singapore, told reporters at a press conference Monday that mining the deep seabed outside the framework of the convention would be "unjust and probably illegal." He suggested that if the United States and other countries begin mining the seabeds,

their action could be contested in the International Court of Justice.

Four consortia, all of them registered in the United States, claim to have invested \$300 million in ocean floor mining preparations. They include companies from Belgium, Canada, West Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Great Britain and the United States.

West Germany, Japan, Belgium and Great Britain, as well as the United States, have announced they will not sign the treaty Friday. With the exception of the United States, no one has ruled out signing at a future date. The Soviet Union, India, the Netherlands and Canada have said they will sign the treaty. Italy has not made its position known.

The convention establishes territorial seas running 12 miles off shore from coastal states and gives them exclusive economic zones up to 200 miles out to sea. Beyond that, the sea is declared the "common heritage of mankind."

The treaty will establish an international seabed authority which will create a mining company called the enterprise.

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REMOVING THE BRAKE DRUMS — WHERE SEPARATE FROM THE HUB ASSEMBLY *

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Care of the aged

Americans seeking alternatives to nursing homes

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Nursing home. In the United States these two words can evoke a whole string of emotions: fear, guilt, loneliness, even a sense of security. Countless sons and daughters can recall the tearful scenes that greeted them when they announced the decision to admit their parents to an institution. Proud, independent individuals who had lived alone for years can recall the sinking feeling they had after they admitted to themselves that they could no longer manage on their own. For many Americans, nursing homes are a prelude to death, a place to wait and die.

There are now about 26,000 nursing homes in the United States, ranging in size from 10 to 2,000 beds, and they are "home" to about 900,000 people. Primarily intended for those elderly who have become so severely disabled both physically and mentally, that they can no longer take care of themselves, nursing homes provide the 24-hour supervision that a family member often cannot.

Depending on the individual nursing home, patients have their own small room or have to share one with a roommate. Each room has the standard necessities — a bed, dresser and night table. Those not bed-ridden eat in a central dining room. The institution is staffed by nurses and nurses aides who assist the patient with bathing, dressing, and all personal care, as well as give prescribed medication.

No one can dispute that nursing homes have met a long-felt need in society, but how well they have fared has been debated for some time. Critics have decried nursing homes for everything from impersonal to negligent.

While the vast majority are probably run well, newspaper stories about physical abuse and mistreatment, stories of incontinent patients left unattended for days at a time, patients locked in closets or beaten, have

frightened many elderly people and their children.

Until recently these complaints and fears had to be borne, because nursing homes were virtually the only option open to the elderly. But in the last 10 to 15 years, and particularly during the last two years, there has been an increasing interest in finding alternative ways to care for the aged. The impetus came not so much from dissatisfaction with the care that was provided by nursing homes but the price tag for that care.

In 1900, only one in every 24 Americans was 65 or older. In the 1980s the proportion has jumped to one in 10. The Bureau of the Census has predicted that by the year 2000, older Americans will make up 12.5 percent of the population, with 31 million over the age of 65.

The vast majority of health care for the elderly, including nursing homes, is paid for by Medicaid, a federal program for the medically indigent that is administered by individual states. A similar program, called Medicare, is a federal medical insurance for persons over 65 (the official retirement age in the U.S.) and is more restrictive in the types of health services that it will pay for. Last year Medicaid spent \$8.2 billion on nursing home costs alone, and by the year 1984, the figure is expected to rise to \$9.5 billion.

As more and more people reach the age of 65, their medical needs are placing an ever increasing burden on state and federal budgets. Public policy-makers have begun to realize that the government can no longer afford this kind of assistance and perhaps there are less costly alternatives that not only would reduce Medicaid bills, but would allow the elderly to stay home longer, rather than be institutionalized.

At least one state has taken a step in that direction, by refusing Medicaid reimbursement for the lowest level of care provided in nursing homes. Nursing home care has been divided into four levels, ranging from skilled nursing for someone severely disabled to

low-level maintenance, or custodial care primarily bathing and grooming. In 1979, the state of Texas ruled that costs for the minimum level of care would not be reimbursed by Medicaid. The intent of the new law was to weed out of already over-crowded nursing homes those patients who did not need to be there.

The approach toward Medicaid reform on the national level has been just the opposite, although the goal been the same. Instead of reducing the services that Medicaid would pay for, legislation has been proposed that would expand the services — to alternative, more experimental programs.

Sen. Bob Packwood, a Republican from Oregon, and Sen. Bill Bradley, a Democrat from New Jersey, have introduced legislation that would create a health team in 10 states which would evaluate elderly and disabled persons seeking to enter nursing homes to determine if they really need institutional care. Their bill also would make it easier to use Medicare and Medicaid funds for home-care services, including day care centers, meals, transportation, and foster homes for adults.

A similar bill introduced by Sen. Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee, is intended to encourage the establishment of home health programs, and expand the coverage of home health services under Medicaid and Medicare.

While the current legislation seeks to reduce the cost of medical health care for the taxpayer, some people in the Reagan administration are afraid home health care may have just the opposite effect. They're afraid that those elderly persons who are living alone now, without assistance, will take advantage of the new programs and the bills will go up. William Weissert, a researcher at the Department of Health and Human Services, who conducted a year-long experiment, involving 1,871 elderly persons in New York, Kentucky and California is convinced

that home-care services would only increase the drain on federal money.

But advocates of home-health care have conducted experiments of their own that seem to contradict Weissert's findings. One published study of the costs in New York City indicate a significant savings for home health. The average monthly cost for patients in a skilled nursing home in New York City is \$2,122. A person living at home could receive the same services for about \$833 per month, a little more than a third of the nursing home cost.

The studies, and counter-studies will no doubt continue, but most experts in the field of care for the elderly predict that alternatives to nursing homes, programs that allow the elderly person to live in his own home for as long as possible, are the only practical and humane choices for the future. While the national legislation is yet to be approved by Congress a number of elderly people like Mrs. Cathery Murphy are already enjoying the benefits of programs like day care centers and foster homes.

Ever since the death of her husband, Mrs. Murphy had been leading a lonely life except for twice-a-week visits by her daughter to clean her apartment. If she now lives at her daughter's home in Houston after a stroke she suffered 5 weeks ago it is only because of the home health services provided by the Houston Visiting Nurses Association (VNA). The second largest such organization in the state, the Houston VNA has a \$3 million contract with the State Department of Human Resources, the state agency which administers funds allocated for social services. Under one part of its contract, the health agency provides what are known as home health aides, individuals who assist the elderly client with meal preparation, bathing, light housekeeping, grocery shopping, and laundry.

The aides, who are not nurses and require no special license, are paid a minimum wage of \$3.35 an hour. Often neighbors or family members are hired as aides because they know the client and are almost always accessible in an emergency. The VNA currently provides homemaker services to 2,000 people living in the Houston area.

The agency's 55 registered nurses see an average of five patients a day and again, each patient is limited to a maximum of 20 hours of care a week. The cost of the visits, around \$4 an hour are reimbursed by Medicaid if the patient is eligible. Though the services vary according to the patient, as a general rule, the nurses measure the patient's blood pressure, change dressings, irrigate wounds if the elderly person has recently undergone surgery, and irrigate catheters for those patients who cannot control their kidneys.

Much of their work is geared toward educating the elderly, many of them diabetics, about the foods they should eat, and training family

members how to give insulin injections.

Supplementing the home health care being provided by organizations like VNA are day care centers such as St. Benedict's in San Antonio, Texas. For those elderly in the community who either live alone or with family members who work during the day, the center offers the social contact missing from many of their lives and provides medical guidance and nutritional information that will enable them to live with new disabilities such as high blood pressure or diabetes. Free transportation is provided to and from the center. The clients are also given breakfast, a hot noon meal and an afternoon snack.

Most clients come to the center after being referred by their own doctors or by a case worker from the state Department of Human Resources. Although a quarter of them are married, the majority live by themselves.

The emphasis at St. Benedict's is on rehabilitation and the person most directly in charge of meeting the client's medical needs is Nancy Mauldin, a registered nurse who has been at St. Benedict's for a little more than a year. Nancy supervises therapists who work with the clients, teaching them to walk with a walker or a cane and making sure that they get at least a small amount of physical exercise during the hours they spend at the center.

A lot of her time is spent teaching the clients the foods they should take and avoid. Many of the clients are on special diets, and to help them when they go home in the evenings, Miss Mauldin prepares menus that are both easy to cook and nutritional.

This report about the revolutionary changes taking place in the field of social welfare in the U.S. will not be complete without a reference to the institution of foster homes.

Foster homes for the elderly isn't a new concept, says Joyce Daly of Sheltering Arms. There have been several in the Houston area since 1957. But it was only recently that the agency started seriously recruiting people to be foster home managers. The need for them became particularly evident two years ago when the state of Texas stopped Medicaid reimbursement for those nursing home patients receiving the lowest level of care. This left a lot of elderly people, who had no family and who couldn't live alone, with no place to go. Right now, there are a total of 24 foster homes in the Houston area which take care of almost 35 elderly residents.

Foster home managers don't have to be skilled nurses or members of the medical profession. All they're providing is supervision for people who can take care of themselves. They do have to be certified by the State Department of Human Resources, which means that their home must pass a building inspection that insures that the home's electrical wiring and plumbing are safe and sanitary.

Lethal drugs controversial among doctors

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The method chosen by the U.S. state of Texas to execute convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. Tuesday has roused controversy among American doctors.

The technique is a lethal injection of sodium thiopental, a drug commonly used to help save lives by putting patients to sleep quickly for life-saving surgery. The drug, better known as sodium pentothal or truth serum, can quickly stop breathing and heart beat. Many experts believe it is the most humane way yet found for society to execute its criminals. But the practice has run into hither opposition from those who call it a corruption of medical technology designed to heal.

The states of Oklahoma, Idaho and New Mexico also have passed legislation to use lethal injection for executions, some with a combination of a barbiturate and potassium which can also stop the heart. Washington state offers prisoners a choice between hanging or lethal injection.

The use of lethal injection was first proposed in the 1950s, but did not become a political issue until the mid-1970s. The American Medical Society ruled in 1980 that doctors may not participate, but may be present to declare the prisoner dead. That created a conflict, in some states, with existing laws which forbid physicians except under the supervision of a physician.

In Texas, injection became the legislated method in 1977. Regulations based on the law specifically state that the injection will be administered by a medically trained individual, not a doctor.

Lethal injection executions in Texas take place in the same room where the state used to electrocute condemned men, a death chamber housed in a red brick unit called "the walls." The prisoner is strapped down on a gurney, a rolling stretcher, in the small, poorly lit room.

A prison employee inserts an intravenous needle attached to a tube that snakes down and through a nearby wall that separates the condemned man from his executioner. A clear saline solution is started, flowing down the tube and into the prisoner's arm. When a prison official gives the word, the executioner uses a syringe to inject sodium thiopental into the tube. It blends with the saline solution and flows through the tube and into the prisoner.

In Texas, two other chemicals are added to the injection after the sodium thiopental to assure death. They are a muscle relaxant called pavulon, and potassium chloride, which can cause muscular paralysis.

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Dr. Steincrohn discusses ...

Saturday, Dec. 11

Help may be on the way for those who experience nausea after surgery in the form of a skin patch placed on the skin behind the ear containing the drug scopolamine. The impregnated drug slowly passes through the skin at a steady rate and enters the blood stream.

Sunday, Dec. 12

Boredom in one's work is often a greater threat to one's health than working hard in a job one enjoys for its stimulation and recognition.

Monday, Dec. 13

Twenty-five million persons suffering from hemorrhoids will agree that there's nothing funny about having them. These distended,

swollen, bulging veins in the area of the lower rectum are often caused by standing and sitting for long periods. A diet low in fiber is perhaps an important contributing factor.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

In the future, blood pressure measurements may be taken from a finger. The device consists of a small inflatable cuff that fits around a patient's finger or thumb.

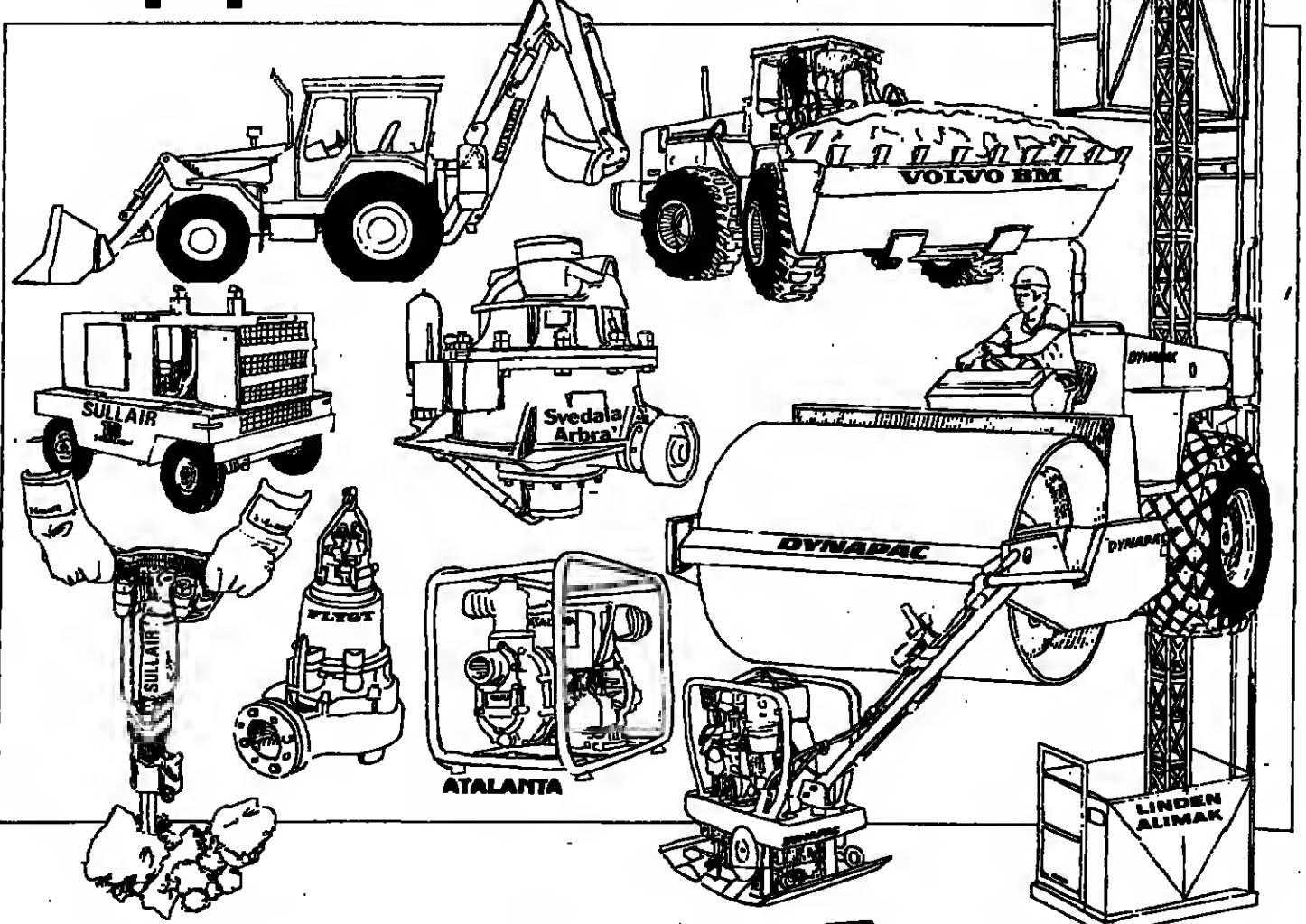
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Is osteoporosis important? One estimate is that 15 million persons (at least 75 percent of them women) have a condition in which bone mass is not up to par and bone becomes fragile. Being aware of the condition, doctors can treat it early and prevent serious complications.

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Chinese still give weight to U.S. ties

PEKING, Dec. 8 (AP) — China continues to attach importance to developing its relations with the United States, Premier Zhao Ziyang told former U.S. Defense Secretary James Schlesinger and former Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke.

The official Xinhua news agency said Zhao also reiterated China's independent foreign policy in his meeting with the two men, now senior advisers in Lehman Brothers Inc.

"This policy is based on the principles of opposition to hegemonism, the safety of world peace and the interests of the Chinese people and the people of the world," Zhao said. China has accused both the Soviet Union and the United States of hegemonism, or trying to dominate the world.

Soviet exile murdered

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (R) — Russian Jewish exile Yuri Brodsky, who exposed a seamy underside to Soviet life in two books published in the West, was found murdered in his New York apartment, police said Tuesday.

Police said that Brodsky, 49, a former Soviet film television director working as a cab driver in New York, had been shot once in the head as he lay fully dressed on his bed. Police sources said that several thousand dollars were found near his body and that his apartment had not been ransacked.

Brodsky was the author of *The Big Red Machine*, a book about corruption in Soviet sports, and *Hustling on Gorky Street*, about crime in Moscow. *The Big Red Machine*, published two years ago to coincide with the Moscow Olympics, was well received by critics, but Brodsky made very little money from it.

China has begun consultations with the Soviet Union on improving relations, but said the Soviets menace China by their presence in Afghanistan, their support for the Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia and the stationing of large numbers of troops on the Chinese border.

In August, China and the United States reached agreement on a communiqué pledging a limit to U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, but China says the arms sales issue still leaves a cloud over U.S.-China relations. China has said it will not attach itself to any power.

Xinhua said Schlesinger suggested China should exploit favorable conditions on the international money market to raise funds for development of its offshore oil. It said Zhao replied that China will solicit some loans for its modernization program and expressed hope that Lehman Brothers would cooperate with the Bank of China in this regard.

Zhao also said China has problems of poor management and comparatively great waste of its energy resources. "We should make improvements in two respects: exploration of energy resources such as coal, hydropower and oil and construction of nuclear power stations, and adoption of energy conservation measures including technical retraining and equipment renewal, particularly the use of energy-saving equipment. There is great potential," Zhao said.

Xinhua said Schlesinger, who was defense secretary from 1973 to 1975 and later special assistant to the president for energy, and Holbrooke, assistant secretary of state for Far East and Pacific affairs in the President Jimmy Carter administration, arrived in Peking Sunday.

U.S. family survives four weeks at sea in dinghy

SUVA, Fiji, Dec. 8 (AP) — A California family of three survived a 4,800-kilometer voyage in the South Pacific buddled in two 2.4-meter dinghies lashed stern to stern and driven by a windsurfer sail.

After almost four weeks during which they capsized many times, Robert Aros, 50, of Long Beach, his wife, Margaret, 30, and his 17-year-old son, Christian, landed on a desolate sand cay. They subsisted on a mash of seabird eggs and hermit crabs for three days before Fijians rescued them last week and took them to Cikobia-Lau, an island 240-kilometers northeast of Suva.

A government helicopter brought the family to Suva Tuesday, and they were treated at a hospital for sunburn, exhaustion, malnutrition and exposure. A doctor said all three would make a good recovery.

The family left Long Beach, California, a year ago, on Dec. 5, 1981, for a three-year round-the-world voyage on their 10.8-meter sloop *Vamanos*. Four nights after sailing from Raratonga, in the Cook Islands, for New Zealand, the boat grounded on a reef.

Aros said he and his son battled for half an hour to prevent the stricken sloop from being washed off the edge of the reef. But as each wave pushed the yacht closer to the edge of the reef, Aros said he realized they couldn't save her. Collecting equipment, food, and clothing, they lashed an 2.4-meter rubber dinghy and an 2.4-meter



SURVIVORS: American yachtsman Robert Aros, 50, and his son, Christian, 17, both badly sunburned, arrive in Suva by helicopter Tuesday, after drifting about 4,800 kilometers across the Pacific Ocean.

fiberglass boat together as a catamaran and outfitted it with the mast and sail from Christian's windsurfer.

Next morning, the *Vamanos* was gone, and they set sail. "I knew roughly where we were, and my plan was to sail to southern

Tonga, which I thought I would reach in seven to 10 days," said Aros, interviewed in the hospital. "It was frightening. Seas were 6 meters, going up to 9 to 12 meters, and all the time we were being capsized so that we lost equipment."

After 18 or 20 days he said he was weakening. "I felt that we were going to die. But we are a very religious family. We prayed a lot. We sang religious songs and we kept our spiritual faith up."

Aros said they left the wrecked sloop with two table knives, two pocket knives, about 15 cans of survival rations, about 20 quarts of fresh water, assorted clothing, flares and a signaling kit, a sextant, a first aid kit, two oars and a pump for the inflatable dinghy.

"Within two weeks everything was gone but the last oar," said Christian. Then they saw islands where they landed two days later. Three days later, Christian said his stepmother exclaimed, "is that a boat?"

"I grabbed my maroon jacket and began waving. Someone waved back. I thought, 'what if they turn away?' "I began crying, Margaret was crying, and we ran down toward the boat. I looked round to see dad wriggling about on the sand, too weak to stand. I think he was crying."

"We hugged and kissed these people and said they were God sent. 'It's been a terrifying and maturing experience,' said Christian. "It made me grow up quite quite a lot."

Survey shows fewer Britons born but more divorced

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP) — Fewer people are being born in Britain but twice as many couples were divorced last year than in 1971, an official survey released Tuesday showed.

The annual survey by Britain's Central Statistical Office — a major indicator of changing life in Britain — also showed a record number of criminal offenses coupled with a decrease in the crime detection rate.

While the population boom is still a major

social problem in the Third World, the survey showed that in the decade ending 1981, there were around 2 million fewer births in Britain than in the previous 10 years.

But illegitimate births were rising — from 8 percent in 1971 to 12 percent in 1981 — and 129,000 legal abortions were carried out in England and Wales last year, the same number as in 1980 but 36 percent more than in 1971.

The survey, entitled "Social Trends," said co-habitation before marriage was more popular than 10 years ago, but it added that 157,000 divorces were granted in 1981 almost double the 1971 total. The proportion of divorce within four years of marriage went up from 10 percent in 1971 to 13 percent last

year. In one-third of British marriages last year, one partner had been married before.

A section on law and order showed that the number of criminal offenses reached almost 3 million in 1981, the survey said, a 10 percent increase over 1980 and more than in any year since records began.

Di's eating belies tabloids

COVENTRY, England, Dec. 8 (AP) — Princess Diana, described in tabloid newspapers two weeks ago as suffering from dieter's disease, dispelled the notion on Tuesday.

She ate a hearty lunch while on a visit to an old people's home in this central England city and said: "I have an enormous appetite despite what people say and so has Prince William," her six-month-old baby. "He takes after his mother."

Princess Diana's remarks were relayed to reporters by Jean Papps, cook at the home. She said of the wife of Prince Charles, heir to

Britain's throne: "We had all worked very hard preparing a buffet lunch and I asked Princess Diana to eat with us and she did. She had a full plate of food and she ate the lot. She really did it justice."

Mrs. Papps said the Princess of Wales ate a chicken leg, a mixed vegetable salad, a vol au vent, tomato and beet salad with a fruit salad for dessert. She drank mineral water and a cup of coffee.

Two weeks ago, London tabloids reported that the 21-year-old princess was suffering from the compulsive dieter's disease anorexia nervosa since the birth of her baby last June.

9 S. Koreans held for alleged plot

SEOUL, Dec. 8 (R) — Eight school-teachers and a broadcasting company official were arrested Wednesday for alleged conspiracy to topple President Chun Doo Hwan's government and turn South Korea into a Communist state, police said.

They were accused of forming an organization to carry out terrorist activities and work for a violent overthrow of the government, as well as supporting Communist North Korea. These are offenses for which they could be sentenced to death under the national security law.

Police said the eight had taught at a high school in the southern city of Kunsan. Three other teachers of the same school were also being questioned, they added. The alleged ringleader, Lee Kwang-Ung, 42, and other teachers formed the organization last April with the aid of Cho Sung-Yong, 45, an official of a broadcasting station, and Yun Han-Bong, 34, a fugitive sought in connection with a week-long armed uprising in the southwest city of Kwangju in 1980, according to police.

America lifts restriction on Chinese

PEKING, Dec. 8 (R) — The U.S. State Department has lifted restrictions on Chinese diplomats and journalists wanting to travel to 29 cities in the United States in response to a similar relaxation here, a U.S. consular official said Wednesday.

Hawaii, without a travel permit and without notice.

The concession came less than two months after the Chinese authorities opened up 29 cities and resorts to foreigners without permits. They included Shanghai, Canton, Suzhou, Hangzhou and the southern tourist spot of Guilin. "The United States took action as a matter of reciprocity, and in the hope of encouraging further relaxation in China," the consular official said.

Arms-holding Malaysian executed

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 8 (R) — A Malaysian Chinese has been executed here under Malaysia's tough internal security laws for illegal possession of firearms, prison officials said Wednesday. Goh Kong Yau, a 25-year-old farmer, was hanged at dawn Tuesday following the rejection of an appeal to the pardons board.

The high court in the northern town of Ipoh convicted Goh last March under the Internal Security Act for possessing a revolver and ammunition, an offense which carries a mandatory death sentence. Goh is the first person to be executed this year under the act although the Malaysian authorities have hanged 20 persons for drug trafficking.

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U.S. economic plan fails to pay dividends

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — Two years after the administration began applying President Ronald Reagan's economic program it still has to bear fruit.

The results of the mid-term legislative elections in November, in which Reagan's Republican Party lost seats, could also oblige the White House to ease its increasingly contested policy next year. President Reagan assumed power to reduce taxes, massively increase military spending and balance the federal budget.

The budget deficit is expected to exceed \$150 billion this year. In addition, the 15 percent drop in income tax rates has failed to boost consumption and the economy as the administration hoped.

The recession remains, affecting virtually all sectors of the economy. Unemployment has steadily risen throughout the year and now affects 12 million Americans, the highest figure since 1940.

Kinshasa seeks debt rescheduling

KINSHASA, Zaire, Dec. 8 (AP) — President Mobutu Sese Seko called on foreign governments and private creditors to allow Zaire to reschedule a portion of its \$4 billion foreign debt.

In a speech to Zaire's ruling popular movement of the Revolution Party, Mobutu appealed for understanding as his African nation attempts to deal with its debt burden.

Despite a major rescheduling agreement in 1980, the country has continued to fall into arrears on loan repayments. About \$400 million of its total foreign debt is owed to commercial banks, and bankers say the country is \$30 million behind in interest payments to private lenders.

This economic outcome was the main, perhaps the only, theme of political debate throughout the legislative election campaign. The poll itself was widely described as a referendum on "Reaganomics."

The White House during the campaign could only blame the previous Democratic Party administration for the present crisis, highlighting the fall in inflation from 12.4 percent in 1980 to five percent as Reagan promised an early business upturn.

During the first two years of his mandate, the White House got virtually everything it wanted from Congress, from the defense budget rise to welfare cuts, thanks to Republican Party unity and the backing of 40 conservative Democrats.

Now the Republicans admit that the coalition which dominated Congress from 1980 to 1982 failed to survive the recent elections. The presidency must now cooperate more closely with congressional leaders.

The first sign of this was Reagan's acceptance of a public works program urged by the Democrats as a job-creator and supported by the Republican leaders, and congressional opposition was spectacularly revealed by Tuesday night's anti-Reagan MX missile vote in the house.

The idea of taxing recipients of unemployment benefit was abandoned immediately after it was launched. The president, after saying he planned to bring forward the application of a third tax cut, also back-pedaled a few days later due to opposition from his own supporters.

At the same time, as indicated Tuesday night, one of the key features of Reagan's program, boosting U.S. military might through an unprecedented rise in the defense budget, could suffer from this new balance of power.

Japan imposes 80-day ban on top drug firm

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (R) — A Japanese company was banned from making or importing drugs for 80 days after Japanese health welfare ministry found it had falsified test data on some drugs.

Officials described the ban on Nippon Chemphar as the most severe penalty ever imposed on such a company.

The ministry said it took the step because it found the company had violated Japan's drugs, cosmetics and medical instruments act by falsifying data on Norvedan and Toscarana. The data was used by the ministry to determine the safety of new products.

Norvedan was launched on the Japanese market last February to treat back pains, chronic rheumatism, internal diseases and throat ailment Toscarana is used to treat nervous diseases.

The company has two factories in Japan with a combined output of drugs worth 22.80 billion yen (\$95 million) a year.

Ministry officials, claiming that Nippon Chemphar invented data for Norvedan, canceled its authorization when the ministry began to investigate the firm's scientific analysis of proposed new products.

Settlement of claims

U.S.-Iran tribunal lauded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The joint tribunal handling billions of dollars in American claims against Iran has made considerable progress despite Iranian "delaying tactics" and other start-up problems, a State Department official told Congress Tuesday.

James H. Michel, the department's deputy legal adviser, called the Iran-United States claims tribunal "a unique institution, representing one of the most ambitious and complex international claims adjudication programs ever undertaken."

He noted that "the tribunal's operation is affected by the continued absence of diplomatic relations between the United States and Iran, and the external war of Iran" with neighboring Iraq.

"Against this background, the tribunal has made considerable progress in the past year and a half," Michel testified before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on international economic policy and trade.

He appeared on behalf of legislation sought by the Reagan administration to provide standby authority for the U.S. foreign claims settlement commission to adjudicate any category of claims that may be settled by a lump sum agreement between this country and Iran.

It also would seek to recover U.S. government costs involved with the claims process by deducting 2 percent from each tribunal-

arbitrated award paid to an American claimant.

The tribunal, headquartered in The Hague, was established as part of the January 1981 Algiers accords which resulted in freeing of the American hostages held in Tehran. It consists of nine members — three appointed by the United States, three chosen by Iran and three arbitrators from other countries.

Reviewing the tribunal's operations to date, Michel told the House subcommittee that "there is no question that the pace has been slow. The Iranians have repeatedly requested extensions of filing dates, interposed many jurisdictional and procedural questions and made numerous untimely demands."

"These delaying tactics probably reflect both the real burden faced by Iran in dealing with so many claims and the Iranian desire to defer rulings on the merits of claims they oppose," the State Department official said.

He noted that "we have repeatedly expressed our concern in the strongest possible terms to the tribunal about its tolerance of Iranian delays and the resulting slow pace of operation. We have seen some progress, for example, in less automatic approval of requests for time extensions."

More oil, gas struck in North Sea

STAVANGER, Norway, Dec. 8 (AP) — The Statoil/Phillips group has found more oil and gas in block 1/9 on the so-called Tommeliten (Tom Thumb) field in the southernmost part of the Norwegian continental shelf, the oil directorate announced Tuesday.

"It is likely that the field's previous estimate recoverable reserves of 24 billion cubic meter of gas and 9 million cubic meter of oil in two separate structures will be upgraded. No more test wells will be declared the field commercial during 1983," the directorate said.

In its announcement it said drilling of the sixth and last 1/9 test well had been carried out by the rig Sedco 703, and completed at 3,504 meter below the seabed at 75 meter water depth for possible later use as production well.

The directorate said the best of four production tests yielded 850,000 cubic meter of gas and 700 cubic meter of condensate daily through a 22-millimeter nozzle.

Statoil, the Norwegian state's oil company, holds a 50 percent share in block 1-9, Phillips Petroleum Norsk 25.87 percent, Norwegian 15 percent and Norsk Agip 7.13 percent.

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Vows safeguarding interests

U.S. firm on shunning sea pact

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Dec. 8 (Agencies) — The United States will never sign the law of the sea treaty and intends to protect U.S. access to strategic metals in the oceans, the U.S. representative at the treaty-signing ceremony said.

"The United States has an extreme interest in having access to strategic metals from the oceans and we will be actively pursuing how we can protect that interest in light of the situation in which we now find ourselves. As problems arise we will be prepared to deal with them," the American representative, Thomas A. Clingan, said in an interview.

Clingan heads a nine-man U.S. delegation to the final meeting of the law of the sea conference, which ends nine years of work. The treaty will be open Friday for signature

by more than 100 United States members gathered here for the meeting.

President Reagan said last July that much of the treaty was acceptable to the United States, but it could not go along with the seabed mining provisions requiring the transfer of technology to less developed countries and production limitations.

The United States "will never sign this treaty," Clingan said. "We've engaged in negotiations. We've done the best we could obviously not enough to explain why the treaty just doesn't meet our interest in terms of the deep sea-bed mining provisions. And it still doesn't," he said.

Clingan, a law professor at the University of Miami, said that Japan had informed the U.S. delegation that it would not sign the

treaty. England and West Germany also have refused to sign the document, but the Soviet Union and France have said they would approve it. India, Brazil, Australia, Fiji, East Germany and Kenya also announced their intention to sign the accord.

Several delegates at the conference here have accused the industrialized countries of trying to form a mini-treaty among themselves to mine the ocean floor outside the rules and regulations of the treaty.

"In the first place, the word mini-treaty is a misnomer," Clingan said. "It's simply we have been proposing for some time an agreement with industrialized countries that are interested in deep sea-bed mining by trying to avoid conflicts on claims. This is in response to our own domestic legislation."

America urged to review Egypt aid program

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (AP) — The new director of America's \$1.1 billion a year aid to Egypt program says it's time to reassess the complex system of loans and grants that is drawing criticism from Egyptians and Americans.

Michael P.W. Stone, 57, a successful business executive was appointed last August to head the program in Egypt of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), the 250-man bureaucracy that was administered \$7.61 billion in U.S. aid committed to Egypt in the past seven years.

Stone is taking charge of the program at a time when Egyptians are severely criticizing the program. Some accuse AID consultants of interfering in the internal affairs of Egypt, while others say the United States should free \$2.77 billion tied up in slow moving projects and bureaucracy.

American businessmen in Egypt, including some among the more than 300 working on aid-financed projects, also criticize the backlog, and blame the problems chiefly on the

Egyptian bureaucracy.

In a recent interview with the Associated Press, Stone said he had no mandate from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to "axe" the program.

But he noted there had been "a lot of questioning" of the performance of aid. And said the current maturation of many aid-funded projects and studies, and the change in Egypt's leadership after the assassination of the late President Anwar Sadat, made it a good time to reassess the program.

"I think there was a feeling in Washington that this was the right time to have a new look at the program, and I think that decision was absolutely correct," said Stone.

Stone, the only U.S. aid director in the world chosen from the private sector, spent his first two months on the job touring the myriad U.S. financed projects here, which range from birth control to catfish breeding to building power generators and installing sewer systems.

The projects are chosen by Egypt but contracted to U.S. firms working in the country. Some Egyptian criticism has focused on the

rules of these firms, particularly those doing research.

The economic weekly of the prestigious Al-Ahram Publishing House carried a series of scathing critiques that accused AID of conducting "espionage" against Egypt, of in effect running the Egyptian government and of usurping jobs from Egyptians.

Stone said he was not angered by the articles. He denied aid was running Egypt, although it ranks third after oil exports and money sent home by Egyptians working abroad as a source of foreign exchange for the Egyptian economy. "This is an Egyptian program," he said. "The Egyptians decide what we do."

"Part of the change is that we're going to see fewer American consultants," said Stone, adding he also wanted programs simplified and money earmarked for research into productive projects.

He said the articles also reflected a misunderstanding of aid's role in Egypt, and added he planned to start distributing publications to better explain the program. "We don't sell our product very well," he said.

Regan takes allies by surprise

FRANKFURT, Dec. 8 (R) — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan's call for a review of the world monetary system has taken European officials by surprise and is sure to dominate a meeting Thursday of finance ministers and central bank governors from the five major industrial powers.

Regan told a press briefing in Washington on Monday that his idea was a "personal initiative" aimed at ending chaos in the international financial system. The debt crisis in Latin America and volatile fluctuations on world currency markets have put severe strains on the system.

He is expected to elaborate on what he has in mind at the so-called "Group of Five" meeting with his counterparts from Japan, West Germany, France and Britain at a secluded hotel in the village of Kronberg, northwest of Frankfurt.

The Regan initiative is being interpreted in Europe as a further sign that the U.S. is showing a new urgency toward problems in the international financial system and a recognition of the impact that the world recession and high U.S. interest rates have had on heavily indebted developing countries, now unable to meet loan repayments.

Whether it will lead to a new conference in the style of "Bretton Woods," the New Hampshire site of the 1944 meeting which led to the setting up of the IMF and the post-war international financial system, is unclear, the sources said. But Regan has said this cannot be ruled out in the long-term.

In the near-term, however, his call is more likely to lead to major industrialized countries setting up a mechanism to coordinate rescue packages for developing nations that fall into payments problems and risk-endangering the banking system, the sources said.

Multi-billion dollar packages have been assembled this year for Hungary, Mexico and now Brazil. But these have been, in Regan's words, on an ad hoc basis, drawing on the IMF, the Basic-based Bank for International Settlements, and central and commercial banks.

Japan to hike import quotas, cut tariffs

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (AP) — Japan will expand import quotas on beef and oranges and cut tariffs on tobacco to ease trade friction with the United States, the economic newspaper *Nihon Keizai* reported Wednesday.

But Japan will reject U.S. demands for full liberalization of trade in beef and oranges, instead expanding import quotas "step by step" over several years from 1984, the *Nihon Keizai* quoted government sources as saying.

Foreign ministry officials said the ministries involved are studying the measures, but declined to comment on the report. The United States asked Japan in recent talks in Tokyo to end restrictions on various American products.

Japan will reduce import tariffs for tobacco from the 35 percent to 20 percent "as soon as possible" and study a domestic distribution system for foreign tobacco, the *Nihon Keizai* report said.

Greece unveils austerity plan

ATHENS, Dec. 8 (R) — Greece's Socialist government announced an austere, belt-tightening incomes policy for 1983 which it said reflected the need to make Greek goods more competitive.

Under the package presented by national Economy Minister Giannakopoulos Arsenis, wages for low-paid public sector workers, which had kept ahead of the cost of living in 1982, are to lag behind inflation for the first eight months of next year.

The once-off pay increases amounting to around 40 percent that the then newly-elected government granted to the lower paid at the beginning of this year will not be repeated.

A system under which higher-paid workers receive much smaller increases than those at the bottom of scale is to continue.

"Our calculations show that for Greek industry to become competitive, there is no significant margin for redistributing incomes in 1983," Arsenis said in a televised announcement.

Nepal's \$120 million power plant opened

KATMANDU, Dec. 8 (AFP) — Nepal's King Birendra Wednesday inaugurated the country's largest hydro-electric power project, the 60-megawatt Kulekhami hydro-power plant.

The construction of the \$120-million plant with international aid began in October 1977 and was completed last summer.

Japan, Kuwait, the World Bank, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries Fund and the European Economic Community have extended loans.

Financial Roundup

Dollar rates chalk up gains

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — Wednesday saw an active trading day that left the American dollar stronger against most of the major currencies, thus reversing the trend established over the past week. Dealers were not exactly sure how to read this change of direction for the dollar with some still believing that the American currency will weaken again.

For the time being, the dollar seems to be strengthening on the grounds that the Federal Reserve's anticipated discount rate cut move might take longer than originally anticipated. With the European central banks having cut their key lending rates last week, the interest differential has once again shifted markedly in favor of the dollar.

The "Fed" also in a surprise move sucked out liquidity from the banking system which led to a slight firming of Eurodollar deposit rates. The one-year rate is now trading at 9 7/16 - 9 9/16 percent levels.

In the bullion markets, prices dropped sharply Wednesday to take silver to \$10.70 level after reaching \$11.30 in New York on Tuesday night, while gold prices fell to \$445 an ounce after reaching the \$460 levels on Tuesday. Heavy profit-taking and book squaring prior to the year end ensured that prices dropped, but it was the uncertainties on the dollar interest rate front that affected the bullion market once again.

The local markets were moderately active Wednesday but rial deposit levels were still depressed and the week-fixed fell back to 6 1/2-7 percent from 6 3/4-7 1/4 percent opening levels. The one month JIBOR

was quoted at 7 1/4-7 3/4 percent, but most activity was in the week and two week tenors as dealers felt that rial rates were coming down again.

In the medium and longer-dated funds some activity was reported, but the volumes were small and the one-year rate was still quoted around 9-9 1/2 percent with few bidders at the 9 percent level. Spot rial-dollar exchange rates were moderately active and averaged around 3.4395-00 with some late activity taking the price up to the 3.4400-03 levels.

In Europe, the Japanese yen closed weaker at 243.60 levels from 240.10 reached Tuesday. Dealing was sharp and volatile and the German mark was also affected, closing lower at 2.4490 from 2.4085 on Tuesday. The Bundesbank intervened moderately Wednesday to help the mark, as did the Bank of England which saw sterling stabilize at the 1.6245 levels compared to 1.6430 a few days ago.

A small rise in U.K. short-term interest rates helped the sterling's rally, but the pound was affected by the pre-OPEC meeting nervousness on oil prices.

In other currency news, the Swiss franc rose to 2.0410, but then closed sharply down to 2.0790 while the French franc closed at 6.9200 compared with 6.8100 levels.

LONDON (AP) — Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	444.87
Paris	442.56
Frankfurt	448.97
Zurich	446.25
Hong Kong	451.46

Industrial crisis grips New Zealand

WELLINGTON, Dec. 8 (R) — New Zealand was plunged into its biggest industrial crisis for more than 30 years Wednesday when Prime Minister Robert Muldoon threatened to declare a state of emergency to cope with a strike at the country's only oil refinery.

When petrol supplies running out, government and trade union leaders were holding urgent talks Wednesday night to try to reach a deal which would prevent the emergency taking effect Thursday.

A state of emergency, last used during a national dock strike in 1951, would give the government sweeping powers and anyone infringing its regulations could be jailed.

The strikers, riggers on a maintenance program and expansion project at the Marsden point oil refinery in the far north of the country, voted earlier Wednesday to continue the strike and meet again Monday.

Jim Knox, president of the Federation of Labor, New Zealand's umbrella trade union body, told reporters he would not be surprised if the dispute led to a national strike.

"I'll go to jail at any time," he said. "As the president of the Federation of labor, I will give the workers leadership."

Energy Minister Bill Birch told reporters that petrol supplies were now critically low and the government would consider restricting petrol sales Thursday unless the refinery workers went back to work.

Petrol stocks would be down to one day's supply by Jan. 10 if the refinery did not resume its production until next week, he said.

Muldoon told parliament: "The government is not prepared to stand by and see the fuel supplies of the nation jeopardized in this manner."

Malaysia to set up Islamic bank

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 8 (AFP) — The Islamic bank bill 1982, for the setting up of an Islamic bank in Malaysia, was approved by parliament Wednesday with an overwhelming majority.

Finance Minister Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah said the bank would pave the way for setting up other institutions like insurance and pawn shops that operate in accordance with Islamic principles.

The Bank, expected to be operational early next year with authorized capital of \$ 217 million would eventually establish links with other Islamic banks overseas, the minister told the house.

The bank's paid up capital will be \$ 44 million. The bank is first of its kind in this predominantly Muslim state.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:45 p.m. Wednesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahruini Dinar	9.10	9.135
Bangladesh Taka		14.45
Belgian Franc (1,000)		72.40
Canadian Dollar		277.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	141.75	141.50
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.65	128.45
Egyptian Pound	2.25	2.28
European Dinar (100)	93.25	93.70
French Franc (100)	50.25	50.05
Greek Drachma (1,000)		49.40
Indian Rupee (100)		33.59
Iranian Rial (100)		
Israeli Sheqel (100)	6.25	
Italian Lira (10,000)	24.75	24.60
Japanese Yen (1,000)		14.25
Jordanian Dinar	9.75	9.71
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.88	11.86
Lebanese Lira (100)	86.30	86.05
Moroccan Dinar (100)	54.63	54.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	39.25	39.12
Philippine Peso (100)		38.35
Portuguese Escudo (100)	5.55	5.535
Qatari Riyal (100)	93.50	94.56
Singapore Dollar (100)		159.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	30.20	27.00
Swiss Franc (100)	167.00	166.75
Syrian Lira (100)	60.25	60.42
Turkish Lira (1,000)		
U.S. Dollar	3.45	3.44
Yemeni Riyal (100)	75.30	75.10

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To improve road record

Jack Sikma steers Sonics past Rockets

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (AP) — Even with-out injured regular David Thompson, the Seattle SuperSonics could be a contender for the National Basketball Association title because of a strong bench.

Seattle substitutes scored 45 points Tuesday night, led by Greg Kelsey's 13, as the SuperSonics improved their road record to 9-1 and their overall mark to 16-3 with a 107-88 victory over the Houston Rockets.

Phil Smith, normally a backup but a starter for the last five games in place of the injured Thompson, added 14 points for the Sonics. "The big difference is the bench and depth," said starting center Jack Sikma, who had 19 points and 12 rebounds against the Rockets.

In other NBA games Tuesday, Atlanta beat Cleveland 102-90, San Antonio tripped Dallas 106-92, Chicago squeezed past New York 91-85, Portland outscored Utah 137-121 and Golden State defeated San Diego 121-114.

The Sonics' overall record matches Philadelphia's as the best in the NBA, but they have been especially tough on the road. Seattle cruised to a 29-18 lead in the first quarter while limiting the Rockets to 33.3 percent shooting. Houston played the Sonics even in the second period and trailed only 49-41 at halftime, but a 33-21 third quarter by Seattle, led by Sikma's 11 points, gave the Sonics an 82-62 edge that Houston couldn't overcome.

Caldwell Jones led the Rockets, now 3-15, with 17 points and 15 rebounds. Elvin Hayes

had 14 points and 12 rebounds.

Bulls 91, Knicks 85: Reggie Theus scored eight of Chicago's 13 points in a row in the final minutes as New York went the final 4:23 without scoring. The Bulls, who broke a seven-game losing streak, were playing without top rookie guard Quintin Daily, who did not show up for the game and slept through calls to his home.

Blazers 137, Jazz 121: Jim Paxson scored 17 of his career-high 35 points in Portland's 40-point third quarter that swamped Utah. The Jazz, who hit all 39 of their free throw attempts in the game but were outrebounded led 67-64 at halftime.

Spurs 106, Mavericks 92: George Gervin scored 26 points to lead San Antonio to its wire-to-wire triumph over Dallas. The Spurs took a 10-2 lead in the first quarter and were never headed as Artis Gilmore added 19 points and Mike Mitchell 18.

Warriors 121, Clippers 114: World Free scored 30 points and Purvis Short 24, including 10 in the final three minutes, to pace Golden State over San Diego.

The Warriors were clinging to a 109-107 lead when Short started his outburst, hitting six free throws and two jump shots to clinch victory.

Hawks 102, Cavaliers 90: Dominique Wilkins scored 25 points and Dan Roundfield 23 as Atlanta handed Cleveland its 16th loss in 19 games. The Hawks led 46 going into the fourth quarter and put the game away with 10-0 and 9-0 streaks in the final 12 minutes.

Michael Dokes will be a more active champ, Holmes feels

LAS VEGAS, Dec. 8 (AP) — There is talk about a fight between the winner of the Mike Weaver-Michael Dokes fight Friday night meeting Larry Holmes for the undisputed world heavyweight championship.

"One of those not talking about it, at least seriously at this time, is Holmes, unbeaten World Boxing Council heavyweight champion."

Holmes, who has a 41-0 record, says he cannot see any reason for a second fight against Weaver, the 30-year-old World Boxing Association champion. On June 22, 1979, Holmes stopped Weaver in the 12th round of a tough WBC title defense at Madison Square Garden.

As for the 24-year-old Dokes, Holmes said he would not fight him because both men are promoted by Don King, and he thinks the motives and outcome of such a bout could be open to question.

Holmes will be at ringside to watch his old opponent and a former sparring partner — Dokes worked with Holmes in 1976-77 — but Tuesday he talked over the telephone from his home at Easton, PA.

"Michael Dokes is a very good boxer," said Holmes. "He's a pretty good banger, especially with the left hook, and he throws pretty good combinations. One problem that could be a factor is that he tires. If he can conquer that problem he'll be champion."

determination, a lot of desire.

"Dokes has to hit more early, then run late," continued Holmes. "He's got to wear him down early. Weaver leaps in with a left hook and gets hit with a right hand. He's got to avoid punches to the head early."

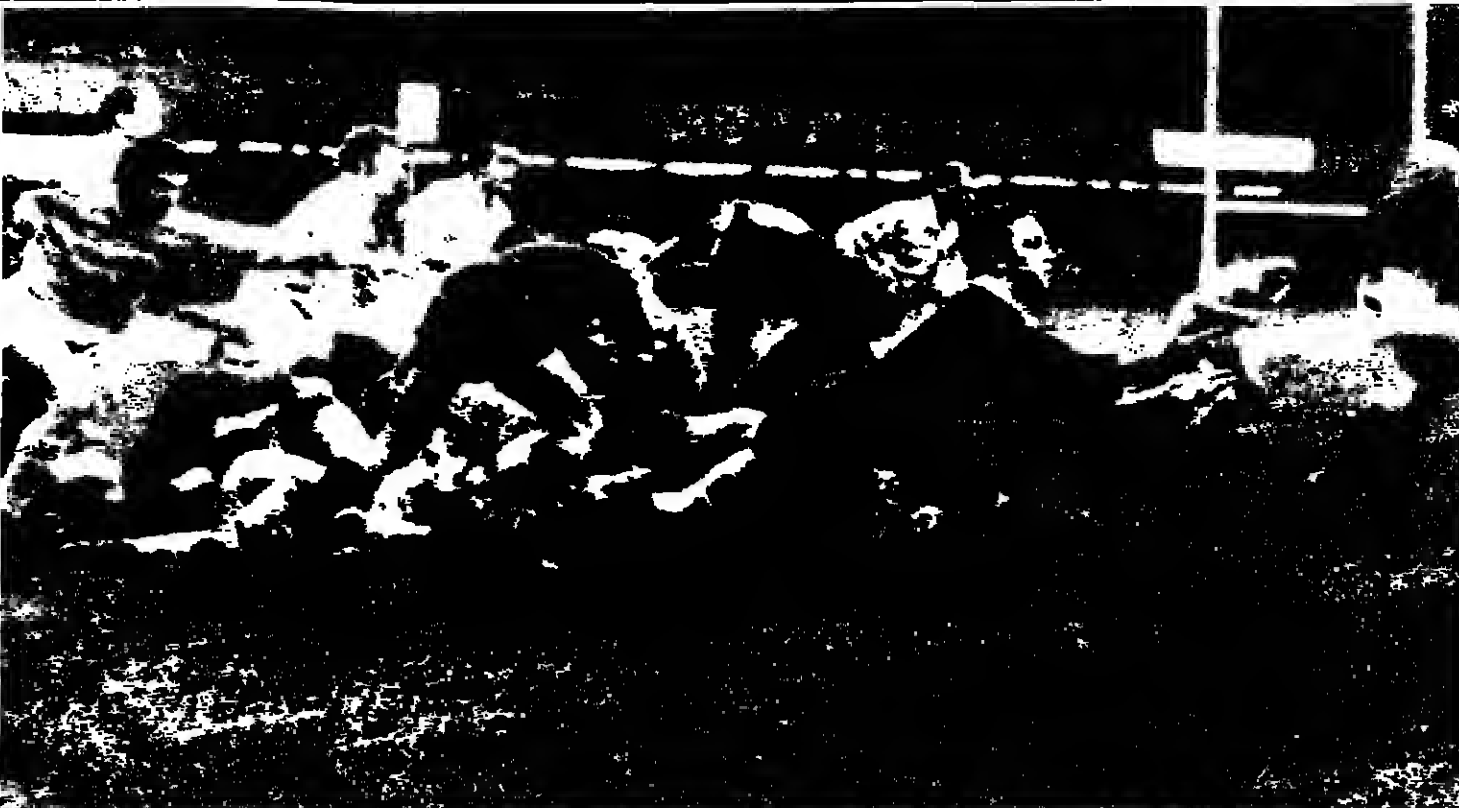
Then Holmes remembered a tactic he accused Weaver of using against him. "Weaver's got a good thumb going." On occasion, Holmes, too, has been accused of thumbing.

Holmes said he really doesn't care who wins, but he thinks Dokes might be a more active champion that Weaver has been. Holmes has been an extremely active champion, defending his title 13 times — seven times in the last 32 months, the last time Nov. 27 when he easily outpointed Randy "Tex" Cobb at Houston.

Las Vegas oddsmakers, undoubtedly influenced by Weaver's inactivity — his last fight was a 15-round decision of James "Quick" Tillis at Roemont, Ill., Oct. 3, 1981 — have installed Dokes as a solid favorite.

Weaver goes into his third defense with a record of 24-9, with 16 knockouts. In his later fights his only loss has been to Holmes, and eight of the victories were by knockout, including the KO of John Tate with 45 seconds left. The fight that made him WBA champion March 31, 1980, at Knoxville, Tenn.

Dokes, of Lauderdale, Fla., has a 25-0-1 record, with 14 knockouts. The draw came in a 10-round fight against Ossie Ocasio of Puerto Rico April 19, 1980, at San Juan. In the rematch June 28, 1980, at San Juan, Dokes scored a first-round knockout.



DIVING PASS: Oxford scrum-half Richard Luddington makes a diving pass from behind the scrum during the Rugby Union match against Cambridge in Twickenham Tuesday for the Bowring Bowl. Cambridge won 20-13.

In Rugby Union match

Cambridge puts it across Oxford

LONDON, Dec. 8 (APF) — Cambridge beat Oxford 20-13 in the 101st Rugby Union with match between the two top British Universities, at Twickenham here Tuesday afternoon. The teams were level on 3-3 at half-time.

Roh Andrews scored 12 points for Cambridge with one drop goal and three penalties while the two tries came from Simoo Dith and Mark Bailey.

Oxford scrum-half Richard Luddington and prop Martin Gargwin scored a try each, the second of which was converted by Irish back Hugo MacNeill. Stuart Barnes scored Oxford's single penalty kick.

Cambridge's victory was their 45th against Oxford, who have won 43 times.

Crowe lashes out

After the match, Oxford captain Phil Crowe, an Australian international center, accused the English Rugby Union of using threats to force his team to black out manufacturers' markings on their boots before the game.

Crowe said: "We were threatened with unnamed reprisals if we did not comply. They put enormous pressure on us an hour before the match and we were given pens to disguise the marks."

"It seems to me that we have been dragged into a row that does not concern us. I was very angry and sickened just before the match that is so important to all of us."

"It is proper that the Rugby Union are stamping out the practice of players receiving money for wearing a certain type of boot. We should be sorting out the players, who are really involved in this trade, which all my team deplores."

"We all brought our own boots and I was going to patch up my own footwear, anyway, because it is so old and splited," added Crowe.

Rugby Union secretary, Boh Weighill, commented: "I am surprised to hear that Phil believes that he was threatened. I wrote a letter to the Oxford treasurer, Dr. Alan Tayler, stating the Rugby Union policy, and we had a talk about the matter last week."

"I cannot imagine how this was translated into a threat, but our policy is that in all big matches at Twickenham, including those

involving England, that players wear no distinguishing marks on their boots."

— Since allegations have been made that players have accepted money illegally for wearing the boots of certain manufacturers, we believe that it is in their own interest to wear unidentifiable boots to avoid suggestions that they are implicated."

Apparently Cambridge, who also blacked-out boot markings, were given their footwear. Oxford paid for their own boots.

Easy for Kangaroos

Meanwhile, in Villeneuve, France, the Australian Kangaroos, the touring rugby

league side which won the first Test against France 15-4 at Avignon Sunday, overran an Aquitaine selection 67-2 Tuesday night.

As in the opening match at Roanne, which they won 65-0 practically all pre-test team were rested. Only left winger Eric Grother, 22, scorer of two tries Sunday, and replacements Brett Kenney and Paul McCabe remained from the test side.

The Australian set an unprecedented feat by winning all 15 matches, including the three Tests, in Britain and have totted up 147 points with only six against in three wins on French soil. The second Test in at Narbonne Dec. 18.

Gretzky's brace sees Oilers thru

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 — Wayne Gretzky kept his record scoring streak alive Tuesday night with a pair of goals that carried the Edmonton Oilers to a 3-2 National Hockey League victory over the St. Louis Blues.

Gretzky extended his consecutive-goal-point streak to 30 games with a second-period goal that may not have been his. But he left no doubt about his third-period goal, his 24th of the season.

In other matches, John Tonelli scored a goal and assisted on two others to pace the New York Islanders to a 6-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs. The Islanders gained only their second victory in their last five games. Toronto is now winless in 13 games this season, with two ties.

Real Cloutier had three goals and the three Stastny brothers combined for four as Quebec Nordiques rolled to a 10-5 rout of the Boston Bruins.

In the second period the two teams combined for two goals — only the fifth time in NHL history that two teams had combined for so many in one period. The record is 12, Quebec is now 14-10-3, Boston 15-8-6.

Milan Novy's second goal of the night enabled the Washington Capitals to tie the Winnipeg Jets, 3-3. The tie stretched the Capitals' unbeaten streak at home to six games. Washington, 10-9-7, has not lost in five last five starts.

Daryl Evans' goal with 5:33 remaining lifted the Los Angeles Kings into a 4-4 tie with the Calgary Flames.

A quick kayo

LONDON, Dec. 8 (APF) — New British heavyweight boxer Frank Bruno scored his 10th successive win inside the distance — and this time the exercise lasted a mere few seconds here Tuesday.

Bruno, the 21-year-old heavyweight from Wandsworth, controversially stopped Gilbert Acuna, a London-based Costa Rican, with the only punch of the scheduled eight rounds contest. Carefully aimed, it took Acuna cleanly on the chin and put him on the floor.

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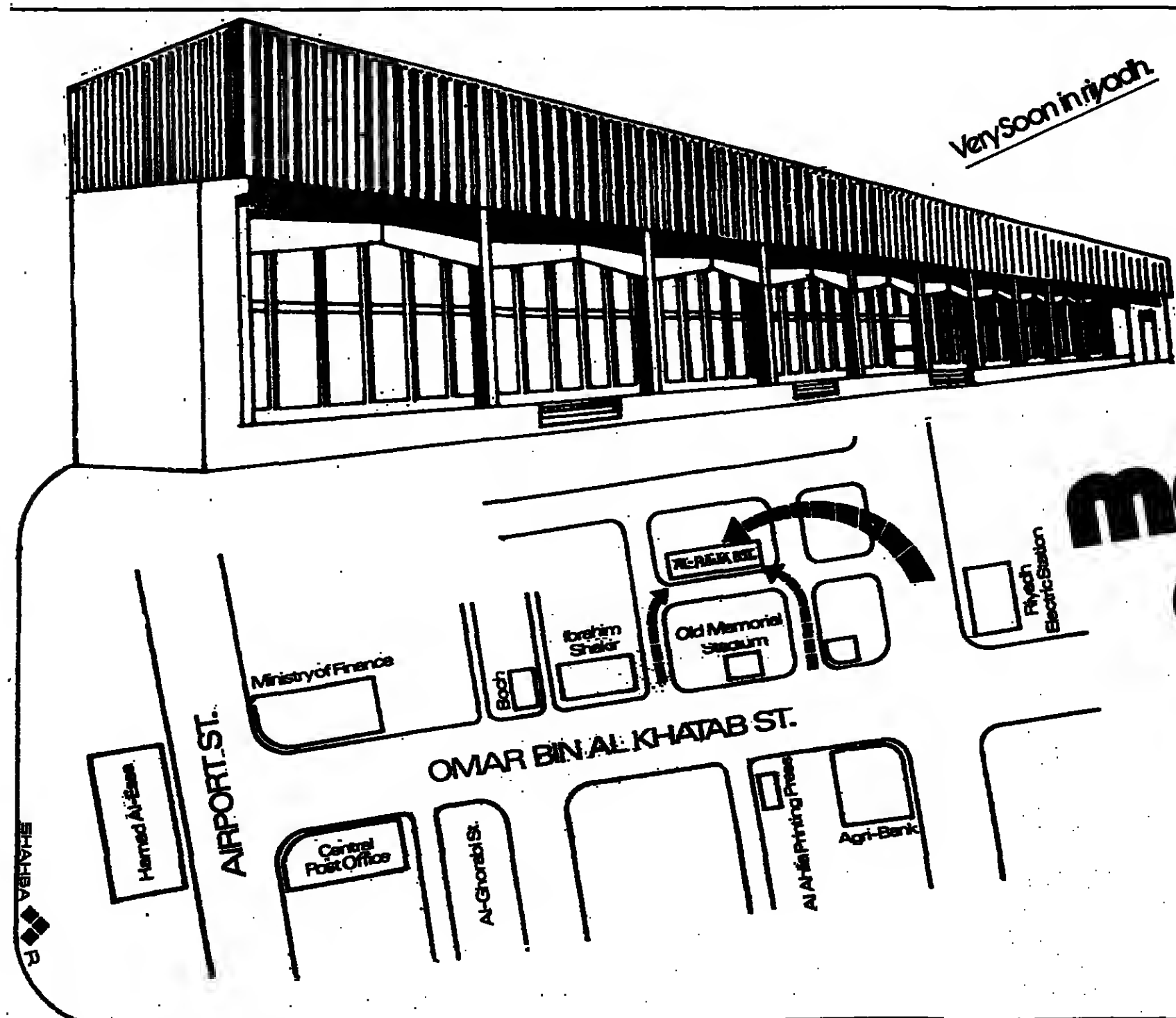
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On a rain-soaked pitch

Ten-strong Arsenal downs Villa

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP) — Arsenal played with 10 men for most of the second half after goalkeeper George Wood sent off, but still held on to defeat Aston Villa 2-0 in an English First Division Soccer match played at Highbury Tuesday.

The match was Aston Villa's last before leaving for Tokyo, where they face Peñarol of Uruguay in the World Club Championship Sunday, but last season's European Cup holders were well beaten by a more determined Arsenal team.

The defeat ended Villa's six game unbeaten run and prevented Tony Barton's team from joining Liverpool at the top of the First Division standings.

Chris Whyte gave Arsenal the lead in the 10th minute, stabbing the ball home from close range, and England international Tony Woodcock made it 2-0, 20 minutes later, acrobatically volleying home a freekick from Kenny Sansom.

Ken McNought's 42nd minute farpost header reduced the Villa deficit, but the visitors seldom looked like equalizing and struggled for balance on a rain-soaked pitch.

Wood was sent off in the 63rd minute for a foul on Aston Villa striker Peter Withe, but 18-year-old Stewart Robson performed admirably as his deputy and Arsenal finished the match well in control.

For European clash

Cochrane back in Bingham's squad

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Dec. 8 (AP) — Terry Cochrane of Middlesbrough Tuesday was recalled to the Northern Ireland soccer squad to face Albania in a European Championship match in Tirana on Dec. 15.

Cochrane, 29, returns as cover for Ian Stewart of Queen's Park Rangers, who is recovering from an injured right knee. Stewart scored Northern Ireland's winning goal against West Germany last month.

Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham played two wingers — Stewart and Noel Broderston — against the Germans, and is keen to continue the policy. Bingham also included uncapped Notts County full back Nigel Worthington in his squad of 17 and retained Tom Finney of Cambridge, who has not played a full international for two years.

The Northern Ireland squad is: Jim Platt (Middlesbrough), Pat Jennings (Arsenal), Jim Nicholl (Sunderland), John O'Neill (Leicester), Chris Micholl (Southampton), John McClelland (Rangers), Mal

Donaghy (Luton), Nigel Worthington (Notts), Martin O'Neill (Norwich), Sammy McIlroy (Stoke), David McCreery (Newcastle), Tom Finney (Cambridge), Noel Broderston (Blackburn), Terry Cochrane (Middlesbrough), Billy Hamilton (Burnley), Norman Whiteside (Manchester United), Ian Stewart (Queen's Park Rangers).

Meanwhile, Tommy Burns, left out of Scotland's World Cup finals squad, Tuesday was recalled by manager Jack Stein.

The Celtic midfielder replaces Alan Brazil of Ipswich in the Scottish squad to play Belgium in a European Championship Group Two match in Brussels on Dec. 15. Brazil, who has asked for a transfer from Ipswich, has not scored in 11 straight internationals. Stein said: "Brazil just has not done it for Scotland."

Kenny Dalglish of Liverpool, recovered from a leg injury, is likely to make his 89th international appearance in attack. Scotland lost 3-0 to Belgium in Brussels in

the last European Championship and Stein said: "This is going to be our most difficult match. Right from the outset Belgium have been favorites to win the section and nothing has happened to make me change that opinion."

Switzerland and East Germany are the other teams in Group Two of the European Championships. The top team qualifies for the competition finals in France in 1984.

The Scotland squad is: Jim Leighton (Aberdeen), Jim Stewart (Rangers), David Narey (Dundee United), Frank Gray (Leeds), Willie Miller (Aberdeen), Alan Hansen (Liverpool), Alex McLeish (Aberdeen), Roy Aitken (Celtic), George Burley (Ipswich), Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen), Graeme Souness (Liverpool), John Wark (Ipswich), Jim Bett (Rangers), Tommy Burns (Celtic), Steve Archibald (Tottenham), Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool), Paul Sturrock (Dundee United), John Robertson (Nottingham Forest).

Watford's style worries leaders Liverpool

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP) — The better-known style of play that has lifted promoted Watford to fourth place in the English First Division standings has attracted a lot of criticism.

But Liverpool stars Graeme Souness and Phil Thompson, who face Watford for the first time at Anfield Saturday, don't agree with those who have attacked Watford's kick-and-rush game. "Watford's style is simple but dangerous," said Thompson. "They've got the players with the talent, speed and courage to make it work."

Souness agrees. "I can't see any way they can be condemned for the way they play," said the Scottish international. "OK, they hit a lot of long balls, but you can't criticize them while they're getting great results. Their tactics may be simple, but they work efficiently."

Watford's style revolves around getting the ball to the forwards as quickly as possible, often by-passing the midfield completely. Wingers John Barnes and Nigel Callaghan provide width, while strikers Luther Blissett and Ross Jenkins play down the middle. Barnes and Blissett already have been called up for the full England squad.

Watford slumped to a 0-1 home defeat against Manchester United last week, while Liverpool maintained a three point lead despite crashing to a shock loss at Norwich. Both will be anxious to return to winning form, while Liverpool will be defending an unbeaten home record.

Aston Villa lost a chance to draw level with Liverpool by losing at Arsenal on Tuesday night, but Manchester United, boosted by that win at Watford, will be looking to keep

up the pressure by winning at home to Notts County.

Teenage striker Norman Whiteside, who went 17 games without scoring, has been on target in United's last two games and Ron Atkinson's team is unbeaten at Old Trafford this season.

Whiteside's striking partner Frank Stapleton has managed only five goals so far this term, but remains confident that United can lift the Championship Trophy. "I believe we've got a squad at Old Trafford who are capable of it," he said. "It's up to us to put in the hard work and prove it."

Nottingham Forest, stung by last week's defeat from neighboring Notts County, will be hoping to return to winning ways against Swansea City, while West Ham host a Coventry team without an away win this season.

Rapidly improving Ipswich are at home to

an Everton side that has not won for nine straight games, while Brighton chairman Mike Bamber has promised an improved display from his managerless team, who entertain Norwich. Bamber this week fired manager Mike Bailey and promised: "I guarantee we'll play entertaining, attacking football against Norwich."

Birmingham City and Southampton, both in relegation trouble meet at St. Andrews, while bottom club Sunderland travel to face West Bromwich Albion. Stoke and Tottenham, two clubs plagued by poor form, play at the Victoria ground, while struggling Luton host punchless Manchester City.

Queen's Park Rangers, four points clear at the top of the Second Division, are at home to Grimsby, while second-placed Fulham face a Derby County team that is winless away from home.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AP) — International Olympic Committee chairman Juan Samaranch has announced the following cities are candidates for the 1992 Summer Olympic Games: Paris and Nice, France (Nice also is a candidate for the Winter Olympics), Barcelona (Spain), Stockholm (Sweden), Budapest (Hungary), Brisbane (Australia), Amsterdam (Netherlands) and Vienna (Austria).

MAPUTO, (R) — Defending champions Angola held on to their unbeaten record at the halfway stage of the African Junior Basketball Championship here Wednesday night with a 96-61 win over Nigeria. In the night's other games, Egypt dealt Zimbabwe their fourth defeat of the series by 71-60 and Libya went down to Senegal 89-41.

RICHMOND, (AFP) — Top seed Tracy Austin of the United States had an easy passage to the third round of the Richmond Grand Prix Tennis Tournament here Tuesday night when she beat fellow-American Kathleen Horvath 6-2, 6-1. In another all-American second round match, Leigh Thompson beat Pam Casale 6-3, 6-2.

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — China trounced Sweden in a table tennis match here Tuesday, losing only one individual match in both the men's and women's events. Their women triumphed 5-0 while the men won 5-1.



Tony Woodcock...consolidates Arsenal's position.

Soccer tid-bits

LONDON, (AP) — English Second Division soccer club Middlesbrough Tuesday agreed to sign former Manchester City forward Paul Sugrue.

Sugrue, 22, has been on trial with Middlesbrough since returning to Britain from the United States, where he was playing with Kansas City of the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL).

BRADFORD, (AP) — Trevor Cherry, the Leeds United and former England international defender, is negotiating to take over as manager of English Third Division club Bradford City. Cherry is hoping to succeed Roy McFarland, who last month moved to Derby County.

Teacher irked over new format

MELBOURNE, Dec. 8 (AP) — Former Australian champion Brian Teacher of the United States won his second round match in the 450,000 Australian-dollar Marlboro Australian Tennis Open Wednesday and then criticized tournament organizers for reducing the next two rounds to the best of three sets.

Teacher, who won here in 1980, beat South Australian Brod Dyke 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 to move through to the third round. Because of interruptions through rain on Tuesday, tournament officials decided to abandon the traditional five set matches and play best-of-three sets to catch up on lost time.

Teacher said many of the players were unhappy about the changed plans. He said it was "unfortunate" players had to play the best of three sets in the third and fourth rounds on one day. "It's not right to do that in a Grand Slam tournament, especially when it's played on grass," Teacher said.

"There will be a lot of surprises in the next two rounds," he said. "I personally prefer to play three out of five sets on grass — you can have one bad set and you can still find form. But when it is two out of three you can be in trouble," he said.

Teacher said he thought the tournament should have been extended an extra day. Earlier Wednesday, Australia's Phil Dent beat American Nick Saviano 4-6, 7-5, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.

JBC 1 scores easy win

JEDDAH, Dec. 8 — The Jeddah Badminton Club maintained its unbeaten run in the Jeddah Badminton Association Slazenger League with a resounding victory over Zira last weekend.

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Roma turn the tables on Cologne in UEFA tie

ROME, Dec. 8 (AP) — Italian Major League Roma defeated West Germany's Cologne 2-0 in their third-round return match of the UEFA Soccer Cup here Wednesday and advanced into the quarterfinals on a 2-1 aggregate.

The two teams were tied 0-0 at half time. Right winger Maurizio Iorio headed in the first goal for Roma in the 55th minute.

Brazilian ace Paulo Roberto Falcão scored the decisive goal in the 89th minute and received ovations from a sell-out crowd of 90,000. Falcão's goal avoided extra-times. Cologne had won the first-leg match at home 1-0.

The West German team, missing some experienced or disqualified key players, staged an all defensive match, seeking a scoreless draw in a typical Italian tactic. Its forwards Fisher, Alofs and Litbarski played the first 45 minutes in their own midfield and only carried a few timid attacks in the final stages, just to ease Roma's pressure.

The undisputed leader of the Italian Major League attacked throughout but actually produced a few good opportunities to score. Iorio and Falcão exploited uncertainties of Cologne's defense on a free-kick and on a corner.

Iorio headed into an open mouth a powerful free-kick by sweeper Agostino di Bartolomei for the opener Falcão, who played below his usual standards, scored with a cannon ball shot from 10-meters after German players failed to head away a corner taken by World Cup star Bruno Conti.

Cologne kept control of the ball at midfield for long periods and played a defensive game. But it was unable to change attitude when Roma went ahead.

Following directives of their Swedish coach Nils Liedholm Roma's players kept calm and methodical although failing to score in the first half and it paid off in the second. Roma was the third Italian team to reach the quarterfinals of the European Cup — an unprecedented achievement in four years.

Juventus of Turin has qualified for the quarterfinals of the European Cup of Champions and Internazionale of Milan in the Cup Winners' Cup.

In other prequarterfinal match in Bucharest, Universitatea of Craiova downed Girondins of Bordeaux 2-0 (1-0) in extra-time to advance on a 2-1 aggregate score. The French team won the first leg match 1-0.

Scorers for Universitatea were Ticleanu in the 38th minute, and Geolgu in the 101st.

About 50,000 fans watched the hard-fought match in the Central Stadium in Craiova. The Romanian side appeared to dominate throughout the action-packed match, putting the French team on the defensive.

Girondins narrowly missed a goal opportunity in the 104th minute, when defenseman Specht, who came up from behind, sent a cannon shot from inside Universitatea's penalty area. The shot bounced off the bar, costing Bordeaux its best goal chance of the 120-minute match.

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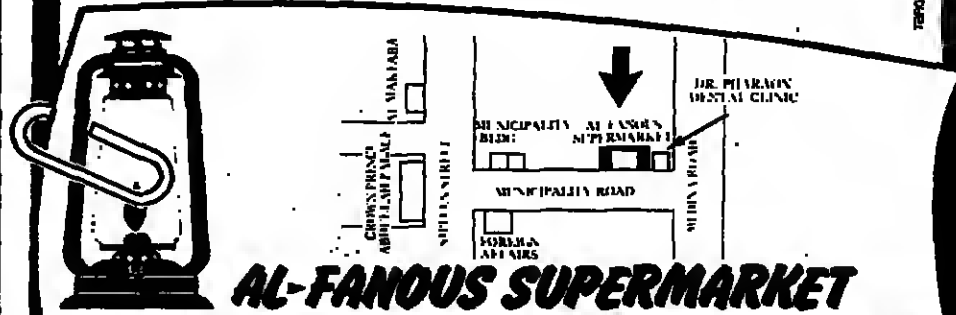
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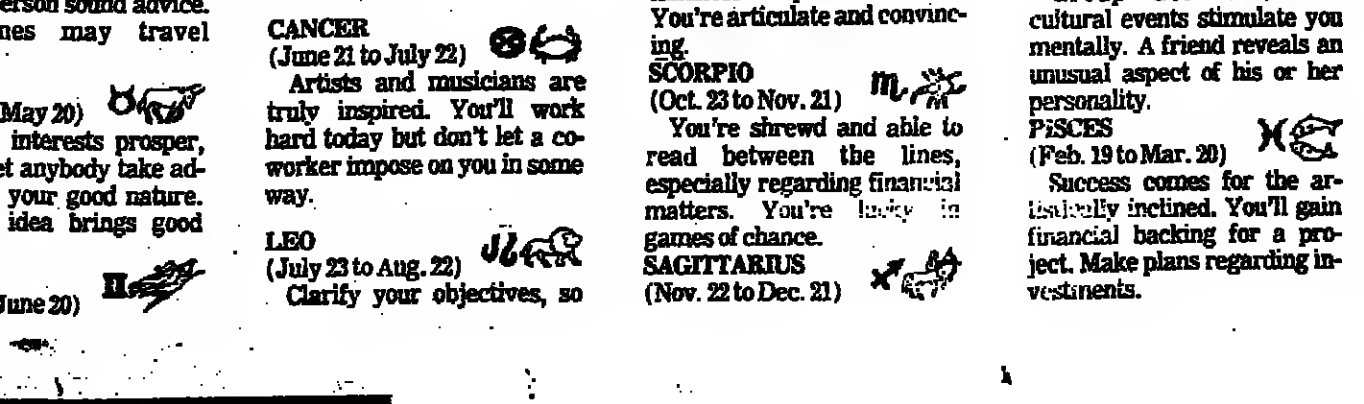
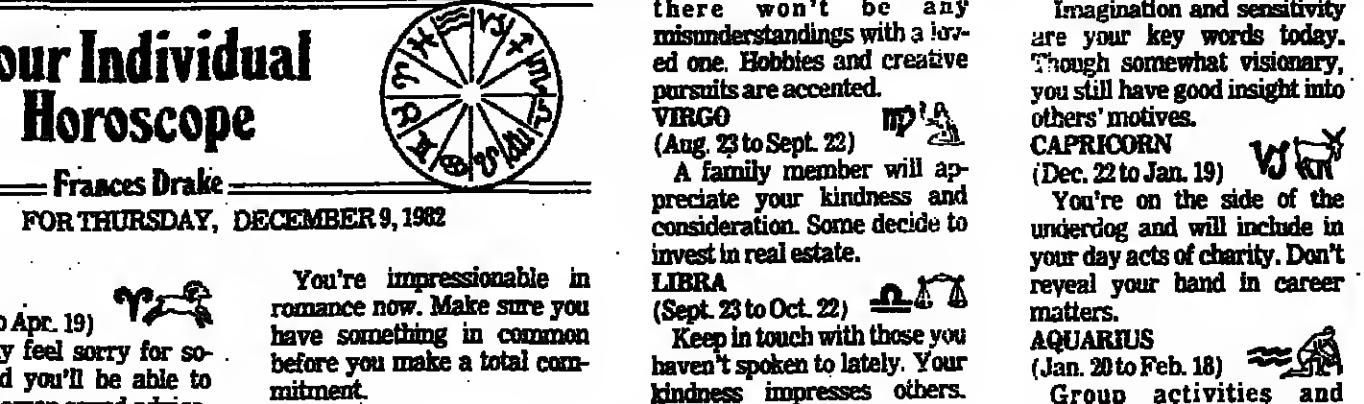
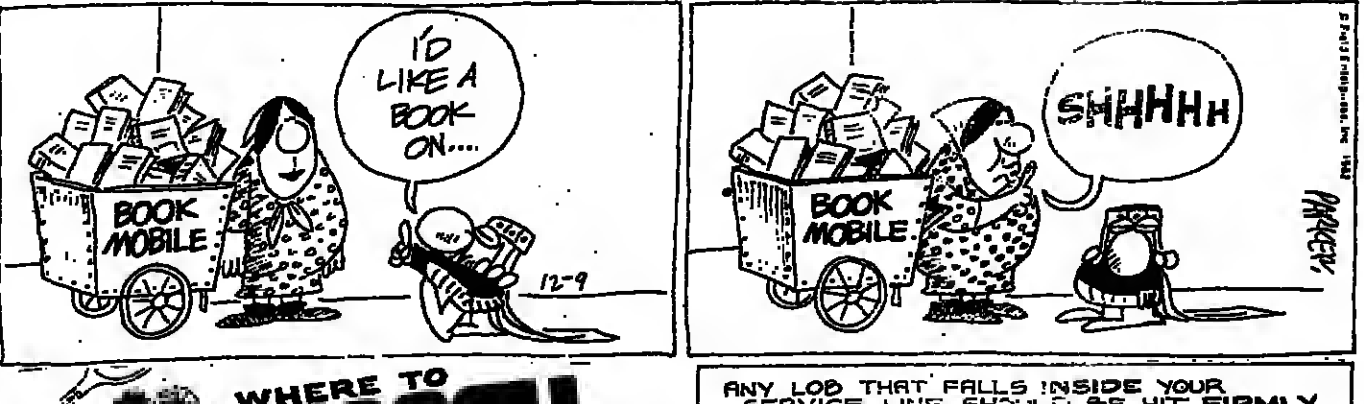
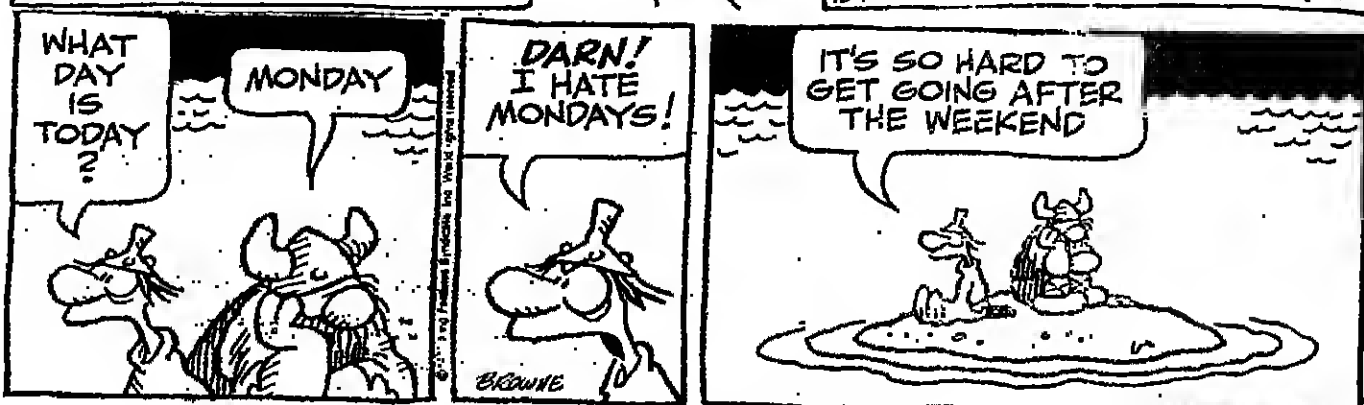
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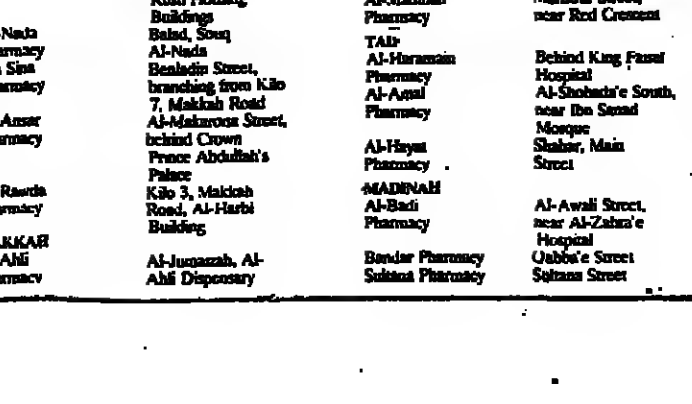
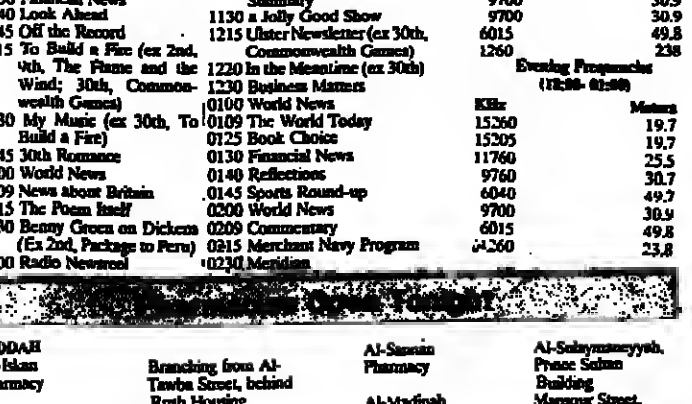
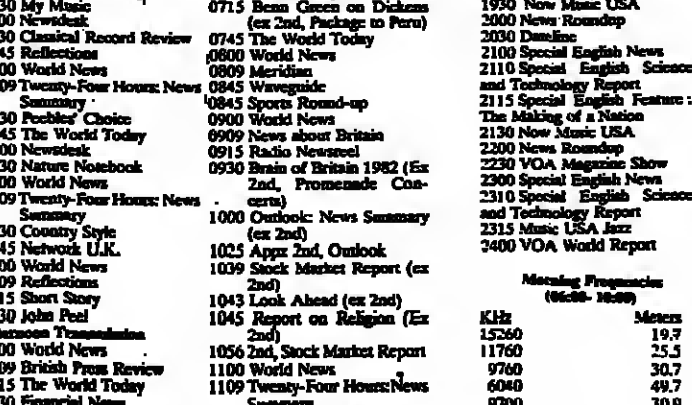
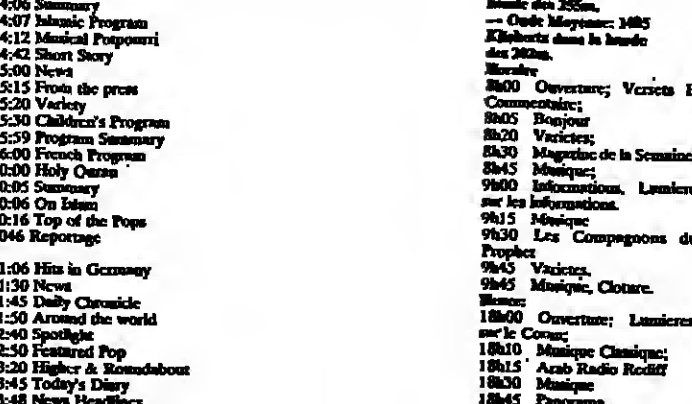
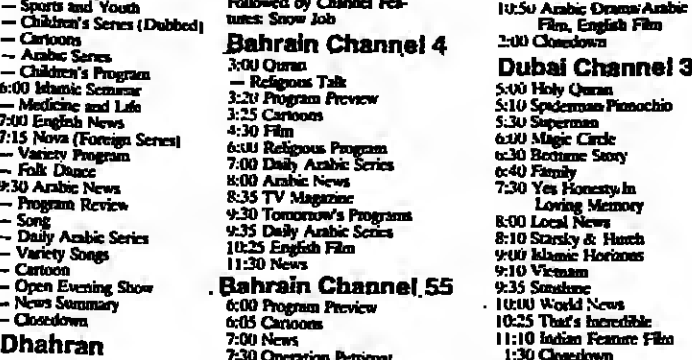
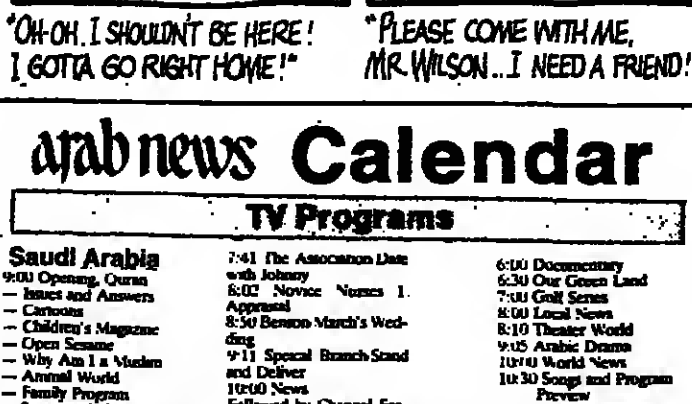
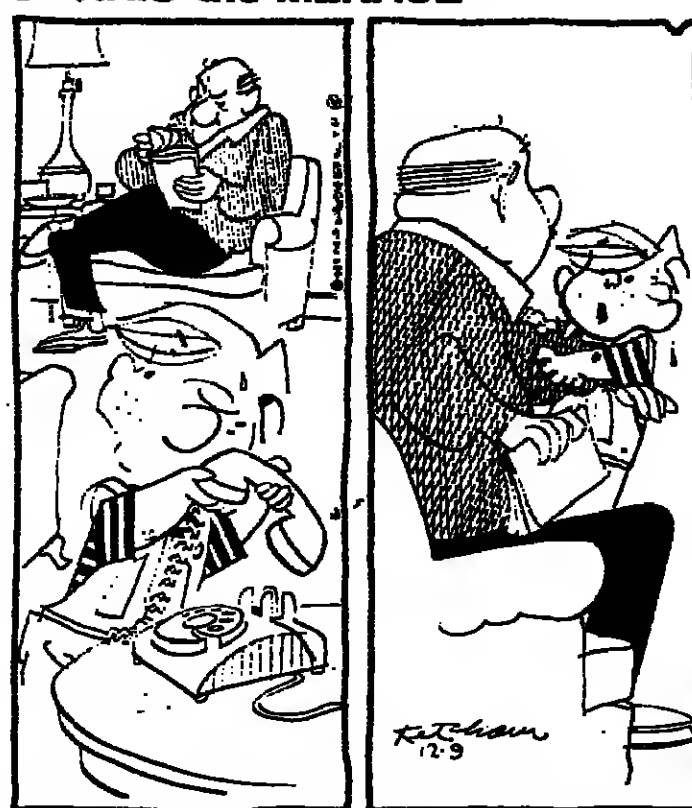
REQUIRE
THE FOLLOWING STAFF
SENIOR
ACCOUNTANT

CANDIDATE MUST HAVE M.A. IN ACCOUNTANCY AND AT LEAST TWO YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE SAME FIELD OR B.A. DEGREE, WITH THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE.
MUST HAVE GOOD COMMAND OF ARABIC AND ENGLISH.
ALL APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO:

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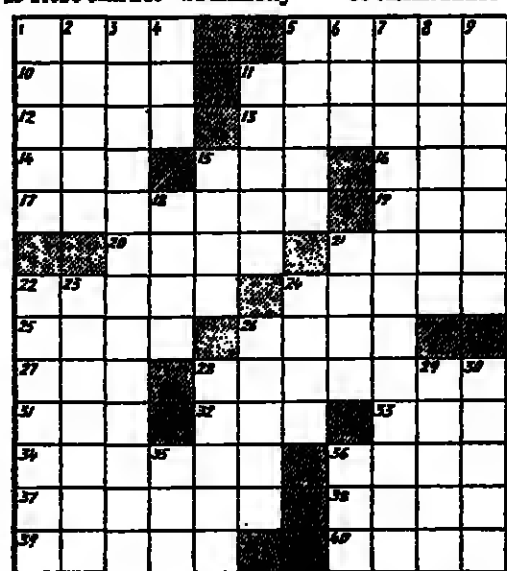
by THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Night haunts
10 Vacationing
11 New Orleans
12 Kent's co-
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13 Show up
14 Kindled
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16 Dexterity
17 Begin
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20 Hit a new
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21 Undulate
22 Fiorello,
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25 Mine
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26 Biddy's place
27 Legal matter
28 Gourmet's
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31 Indisposed
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33 Brazilian
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36 Vamoose!
37 Chronicles
38 Greek
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39 Window
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40 Belgian river
1 Jericho's
loss
2 Expect
3 Montalban
TV show
4 Nautical
chain
5 Spice
6 Cakes and -
7 Crosby hit
of 1949
8 Etch
9 Raged
11 Nature
15 Rose extract

Yesterday's Answer

18 Cheer
21 Lanolin
source
22 Connubial
guage
23 "Sweet -"
35 Tatter
26 Game of skill
28 Fissile rock
29 Speechify
30 Turlic lan-
guage
35 Tatter
36 Asian sauce



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L B A A X R
is LONG FELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

G O Z Z A J W R S Z N J E Z: W R
A Z Y E Z I N. G V G I P S R W
Y E Z I N, I E E P K C R N E F Y N J P A E Z O

W R S R W U G S H. - O W Z S F U I E
Yesterday's Cryptquote: OUR DUTY IS TO BE USEFUL, NOT ACCORDING TO OUR DESIRES, BUT ACCORDING TO OUR POWERS. - FREDERIC AMIEL

Contract B. Jay and Steve Becker
Bridge

An Inexpensive Safety Play

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 5
♥ Q J 7 6
♦ K 8 2
♣ A Q 10 4

WEST
♠ Q 10 6 4 3
♥ 10
♦ J 9 7 4
♣ 8 7 5

EAST
♠ K 9 7 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ K 6 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ Pass 3♥ Pass
4♥ Opening lead - four of
spades.

It is hard to exaggerate the importance of a defender's opening lead. But too often declarer forgets how important his own play to the opening trick can be. On the accompanying deal, for example, declarer was rather lax at trick one, and it eventually cost him the contract.

West led a spade against four hearts and South took East's king with the ace. After drawing two rounds of trumps, declarer led the nine of clubs and finessed, losing the trick to East's king. East

returned a low spade to West's queen, and a diamond lead through dummy's king allowed East to score his A-Q of diamonds for a one-trick set.

South bemoaned his bad luck in finding "everything in the wrong place," but instead should have placed all the blame for the outcome on himself. Before playing a card from either hand to the first trick, he should have considered whether or not there was a lie of the cards that could jeopardize the contract, and what could be done to overcome that lie if it existed.

Actually, declarer could count ten tricks - six hearts, three clubs and a spade - so that he was certain to succeed provided the defenders did not score four tricks first. The only way this could occur would be if East had the club king and diamond ace, and - of utmost importance - if West got on lead to return a diamond through dummy's king. Otherwise, even if the club finesse lost, a diamond could eventually be discarded on dummy's fourth club.

To make sure that West could never regain the lead, South should have permitted East's king of spades to win the first trick. By this one simple expedient, declarer was certain to score at least ten tricks - regardless of how the cards were divided or what East chose to return at trick two.

Believe It or Not!

ALEXIS de TOCQUEVILLE

(1805-1859)

the French historian and political theorist who traveled through America in 1831-32, predicted in his famous book, "Democracy in America," published in two volumes in 1835 and 1840, that the world eventually would be divided into two spheres of influence - AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN



OVER 1,500 SUNKEN SHIPS

lie in the surrounding waters of New York Harbor - including Colonial sailing ships, passenger liners, prohibition era runners, modern oil tankers and two British frigates wrecked in the 1700s carrying some \$2,000,000 in gold bullion - NEVER SALVAGED.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1982

ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

You may feel sorry for someone and you'll be able to give this person sound advice. Loved ones may travel together.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)

Business interests prosper, but don't let anybody take advantage of your good nature. A revised idea brings good results.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You're impressionable in romance now. Make sure you have something in common before you make a total commitment.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

Artists and musicians are truly inspired. You'll work hard today but don't let a co-worker impose on you in some way.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Clarify your objectives, so

there won't be any misunderstandings with a loved one. Hobbies and creative pursuits are accentuated.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

A family member will appreciate your kindness and consideration. Some decide to invest in real estate.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Keep in touch with those you haven't spoken to lately. Your kindness impresses others. You're articulate and convincing.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You're shrewd and able to read between the lines, especially regarding financial matters. You're lucky in games of chance.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

Imagination and sensitivity are your key words today. Though somewhat visionary, you still have good insight into others' motives.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

You're on the side of the underdog and will include in your day acts of charity. Don't reveal your hand in career matters.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Group activities and cultural events stimulate you mentally. A friend reveals an unusual aspect of his or her personality.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

Success comes for the artistically inclined. You'll gain financial backing for a project. Make plans regarding investments.

arab news Calendar

TV Programs

Saudi Arabia 9:00 Opening, Quran 9:30 News and Announcements 10:00 Children's Magazine 10:30 Open Seminar 11:00 World News 11:30 Children's Series (Dubbed) 12:00 Cartoons 12:30 Children's Program 1:00 Islamic Seminar 1:30 News and Life 2:00 English News 2:30 News (Foreign Screen) 3:00 Folk Dance 3:30 Arabic News 4:00 Program Review 4:30 Song 4:50 Daily Arabic Series 5:15 Variety Songs 5:30 Open Evening Show 6:00 News Summary 6:30 Children's Series 6:50 Movie Matinee 7:00 Cartoon One 7:30 Documentary Series	Bahrain Channel 4 7:45 The Association Line with Johnny 8:00 Novice Nurses 1 8:30 Benno March's Wedding 9:15 Special Branch Stand and Deliver 10:00 News 10:30 Children's Series (Dubbed) 11:00 Cartoons 11:30 Children's Program 12:00 Islamic Seminar 12:30 News and Life 2:00 English News 2:30 News (Foreign Screen) 3:00 Folk Dance 3:30 Arabic News 4:00 Program Review 4:30 Song 4:50 Daily Arabic Series 5:15 Variety Songs 5:30 Open Evening Show 6:00 News Summary 6:30 Children's Series 6:50 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Face a possible death penalty

10 Filipino journalists charged

MANILA, Dec. 8 (AP) — A prosecutor charged 10 journalists with crimes that carry a possible death penalty Wednesday in a case the government's information minister said does not involve press freedom.

We Forum Editor-publisher Jose G. Burgos Jr., former Sen. Francisco "Soc" Rodrigo and eight others arrested Tuesday were accused in a suburban Quezon city court of being "officers and ranking leaders" of subversive organizations out to overthrow the government of President Ferdinand E. Marcos.

"Most of those arrested are not even legitimate members of the media but are known anti-government personalities."

Agca claims offer of \$1.2m

ROME, Dec. 8 (R) — Turkish gunman Mehmet Ali Agca has told magistrates he was offered three million marks (\$1.2 million) by Bulgarian agents to kill Pope John Paul, the *Corriere Della Sera* newspaper reported Wednesday.

He said two armed Bulgarians accompanied him to St. Peter's Square before the attack in May, 1981, to study the best shooting position and escape route. Agca's reported confession to investigating magistrate Martella is the first detailed account of alleged Bulgarian involvement in the attack for which he is serving a life sentence in Rome.

The Bulgarian Embassy described the report as "laughable." Magistrate Martella was not available Wednesday, a public holiday in Italy. A Bulgarian airline official was arrested in Rome last week, and Martella has issued a warrant for the arrests of a second Bulgarian accused of complicity in the attempted murder.

Both the influential *Corriere* and two other papers — the left-wing *Dalla la Repubblica* and *Panorama* — said Agca told the magistrate he was recruited in Sofia after the Bulgarian secret service had helped arrange his escape from a Turkish prison.

He was offered three million marks to assassinate the Polish-born pope and given five telephone numbers for contacts in Rome. According to the newspaper reports, Agca told the magistrate he had received the pistol used to shoot the pope from a Turk in Milan. He said the two Bulgarians went with him to St. Peter's Square on May 11 and 12 to plan the shooting.

On the day of the attack the Bulgarians, armed with a pistol each and one percussion bomb, drove him to the Vatican and arranged to meet him at the same place afterward, the papers quoted him as having said. But Agca was seized as he fled through crowds attending the pope's weekly public audience.

Vassil Dimitrov, first secretary at the Bulgarian Embassy in Rome, told Reuters the press reports were "ridiculous, totally absurd," and repeated that Bulgaria had nothing to do with the attack.

Information Minister Gregorio Cendana said.

Cendana accused Burgos and the others including columnists and staff members of the paper, of using their triweekly tabloid for sinister activities. "The government would have been remiss in its duty to protect the public welfare if it had not acted accordingly," Cendana said.

The arrests followed a government roundup of allegedly subversive labor leaders prior to Marcos' U.S. visit in September and came during a crackdown on Catholic priests and nuns accused of inciting rebellion in scattered rural areas of this multiracial nation.

There was no immediate editorial reaction



SPY JAILED: Canadian professor Hugh Hambleton, who worked for NATO, was sentenced in London Tuesday to 10 years jail for espionage involving transmission of top-secret documents to the Soviet Union.

Gibraltar gate to open Dec. 15

MADRID, Dec. 8 (AP) — The gate that has sealed off the rock of Gibraltar from Spain for 13 years will be officially opened Dec. 15 for the first time since Francisco Franco slammed it shut in 1969, Premier Felipe Gonzalez said Tuesday.

During a news conference following the first cabinet meeting since the Socialists took office last week, Gonzalez said the gate would be opened initially "as a humanitarian gesture" to pedestrian traffic only.

The former Spanish ruler, who died in 1975, closed all land communications between Spain and the British colony in an effort to force Britain into negotiations over the return of the rock to Spain.

to the raid on *We Forum* or the arrests from Manila's major daily newspapers or from the National Press Club.

Opposition leaders were first to criticize the action against the triweekly newspaper which sells about 22,000 copies of each issue mostly through street vendors and youths who pass copies to motorists at jammed Manila intersections.

Mayor Aquilino Fimentel of the city of Cagayan de Oro on the southern island of Mindanao called the arrest a "blunder" that would stifle legitimate dissent and "give impetus to the line of the violent opposition that there is no more hope in the parliamentary struggle."

NATO awaits Soviet signal

BRUSSELS, Dec. 8 (APF) — NATO foreign ministers were expected to stress the West's readiness to respond to any "signals" for "authentic détente" from the new Kremlin leadership when they gather for the NATO council's regular autumn meeting here Thursday, a diplomatic source said.

Arms control and East-West relations since the rise to power in the Soviet Union last month of Yuri Andropov were expected to dominate the North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting here Thursday and Friday, the source said. U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz was among the those expected to attend.

Moscow might send "signals" toward expanded East-West dialogue through such current negotiating forums as Strategic Arms Limitation Talks and Euromissile discussions in Geneva, meetings in Vienna on reducing conventional forces in Europe and the Madrid conference on security and cooperation in Europe.

At a meeting here last week, NATO defense ministers restated their determination to deploy Cruise missiles and 572 medium-range Pershing-2 missiles in Europe beginning in autumn, 1983, if Euromissile talks in Geneva had not resulted in a concrete agreement.

The NATO foreign ministers were expected to reiterate their advocacy of the zero option by which Soviet medium-range SS-4, SS-5 and SS-20 missiles would be withdrawn from Eastern Europe in return for NATO not deploying its Euromissiles.

Soviet Defense Minister Dmitri Ustinov said Monday that the Soviet Union rejected this option. He then threatened that the Soviet Union would build a new intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) if the United States started deploying its "MX" ICBMs.

The "signals" NATO is looking for might also come from a change in the political situation in Afghanistan, the diplomatic source said. The ministers will examine the possible consequences of a new relationship between the Soviet Union and China.

On the Polish question, the ministers were expected to end their meeting with a communique similar to the statement NATO heads of state and government made after their summit in Bonn in June, a diplomatic source said. The Bonn text called for "peace and liberty" in Poland.

Despite the release of labor leader Lech Walesa and several other leaders of the outlawed independent trade union Solidarity, the allies still have three requirements for a resumption of normal relations with Poland.

These were the lifting of martial law, the release of all prisoners and the resumption of a dialogue with church officials and Solidarity. The NATO foreign ministers, who met for the first time in September in Val David, Canada, were expected to discuss economic relations between the East and the West following the dispute between the United States and Europe over the Soviet Siberian natural gas pipeline.

NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns was expected to ask for closer trans-Atlantic contacts on such questions. The allies were expected to restate the need to limit exports of sophisticated technology with possible military applications to Warsaw Pact countries.

U.S. flood surges

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8 (AP) — Devastating floods that have driven 26,000 people from their homes in the Mississippi valley surged downstream Tuesday as national guardsmen and volunteers hustled to shore up river levees.

Damage estimates from the flooding touched off by storms in the region late week approached the half-billion-dollar mark. At least 20 persons had been killed by tornadoes and floods and four were missing.

National guardsmen patrolled the St. Louis suburbs of Arnold, Times Beach and St. Charles to guard against looting. More evacuations were ordered in Arkansas.

Indian crash kills 16

NEW DELHI, Dec. 8 (AP) — Sixteen persons who had climbed atop a house to watch a religious procession in central India were killed and 40 injured when the roof collapsed, police at Ujjain reported Wednesday.

M.L. Jain, district police official at Ujjain, 650 kilometers south of New Delhi, said more than 100 persons were on the housetop Tuesday night when it caved in during a Muslim Tajia festival.



TOWER TUMBLES: Rescue workers search under the twisted pieces of a radio and television tower nearly 2,000 feet tall for the bodies of five men killed when the structure collapsed Tuesday morning as the workers installed a radio antenna.

5 killed in tower collapse

MISSOURI CITY, Texas, Dec. 8 (AP) — A television tower collapsed Tuesday, killing at least five persons and seriously injuring four or five others in this southwestern suburb of Houston, officials said.

"Five people have been confirmed dead," said Fort Bend County Sheriff's Sgt. Joe Jeffrey. He said four to five others were

seriously injured. He said some repairmen were on the 2,000-foot tall tower when it collapsed and crushed a transmitter building. Jeffrey said other people were hit when it fell. He was not sure how many workers were on the tower. The tower is used by a station that opened recently, said Jeffrey.

Uganda shooting victim dies

NAIROBI, Kenya, Dec. 8 (AP) — One of the two Indian employees of the Indian High Commission in Kampala, Uganda, wounded in an attack by gunmen, died Tuesday, an Indian diplomat reported.

The diplomat, speaking by telephone from the Ugandan capital, said gunmen with automatic weapons opened fire on the two men, receptionist V.I. Yacub and Clerk S.V. Singh, as they drove up to the high commission (embassy) Tuesday morning.

He said Yacub, who worked in the high commission's consular section, died Tuesday evening in Kampala's Nsambya Hospital. The envoy, who declined to give his name, said Singh was in Mulago Hospital but that his condition was not considered critical.

Neither of the high commission employees

held diplomatic status. They were reportedly shot in the chest and head in a hail of bullets fired at their car from another auto containing an unknown number of gunmen.

In Nairobi, a representative of the Uganda Freedom Movement visited journalists' offices and claimed responsibility for the attack. He said it was in retaliation for the Indian government's aid to the Ugandan government of President Milton Obote.

The Ugandan Freedom Movement is one of several guerrilla groups which have been fighting since February 1981 to topple Obote on the grounds that he rigged the December 1981 election which returned him to power after more than eight years of rule by Idi Amin.

Mozambique alleges S. Africa raid

MAPUTO, Dec. 8 (R) — South African troops struck into Mozambique on Monday and wounded 16 persons before being forced to retreat, the official news agency AIM reported Wednesday. It said an unspecified number of South Africans penetrated nine kilometers into the Maputo province in the southwest of the country, reaching a cattle farm at Mapulanguene.

The agency said the raiders destroyed three tractors on the farm and wounded 16. The injured were not identified. "The response of our border guard troops, with the people's militia, forced the enemy to flee," it added.

Mapulanguene is about 150 kilometers northwest of the capital of Maputo, across the border from South Africa's Kruger National Park. Mozambique last month accused South

Africa of massing troops in the Komatipoort region, on the southern edge of Kruger Park, in preparation for an attack.

The Mozambique Foreign Ministry was instructed on Nov. 22 to draw the attention of United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to the situation. The Maputo government has frequently accused the South African Air Force of overflying its territory.

It also accused Pretoria of arming, training and directing Mozambican rebels, active throughout most of the country. The rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance (RNM) regularly attack roads, bridges and railway lines vital to the trade of Mozambique and its landlocked black southern African neighbors.

Poles free union men

WARSAW, Dec. 8 (AP) — Polish authorities continued to release interned supporters and members of the outlawed Solidarity trade union on Wednesday amid new signs martial law will be lifted near the first anniversary of its declaration.

Thirty-two activists were freed from the Bialoleka Prison near Warsaw on Tuesday, and a police spokesman said that 12 others from the Warsaw area would be released from other detention centers on Wednesday.

The official Polish news agency PAP reported that internees were also freed in Bydgoszcz, north-central Poland, and Wlaczyn, in the southwest corner of the country. The reports did not say how many people remain in detention, they are thought to number several hundred, including most top Solidarity leaders.

The best-known Solidarity figure, Lech Walesa, was freed last month. He reportedly sent a letter recently to Poland's martial law leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski. Spokesmen for neither the government nor Walesa would disclose the contents of the letter.

Information Minister Jerzy Urban told Western correspondents on Tuesday that the authorities are drafting guidelines for an interim period before complete normalization.

Polish sources close to parliament have said the government will announce on Dec. 13 that martial law will be lifted or suspended by the end of the year, but that the 21-man ruling Military Council for National Salvation, headed by Jaruzelski, would retain its power for several months.

Police seize Smith's rifles

HARARE, Dec. 8 (AP) — Zimbabwe police Tuesday searched the midlands ranch-house of former White Prime Minister Ian Smith for the third time in four days and took away six rifles.

"I am now left with absolutely no protection," Smith, 63, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from his Shuruburu ranch some 266 kilometers south of Harare. "It's all just further harassment."

Police arrived at the cattle ranch late Tuesday after ordering him, under escort, to accompany them to Harare to search his town house in the fashionable suburb of Belvedere.

On Saturday, police searched the ranch; house three days after his Zimbabwe passport was seized and canceled by the black socialist government.

"I have absolutely nothing to hide," Smith, prime minister of the white-ruled British colony of Rhodesia 1964-78, said in the telephone interview as police were leaving with his weapons. "But I feel a bit vulnerable now."

Smith, like most of Zimbabwe's 5,500 white farmers, had licensed weapons on his ranch. "I have the guns to shoot leopards which raid cattle and also to put down cattle which get injured," he said. "And there is a threat of dissidents."

Dissidents, the official government terminology for anti-government brigades, roam tribal reserves and farmlands of Zimbabwe with automatic weapons. They have been blamed for slaying at least 50 white farmers since independence from Britain April 18, 1980.

Smith, who is the head of the all-white Republican Front Party which holds 11 of 20 seats reserved for the 170,000 white minority in the executive national assembly, said he did not know why the guns were seized by police. "They simply said they had orders from Harare," he said in the interview.

Smith has lately been under fire from state-controlled newspapers, radio and television for reportedly saying in interviews during a recent visit to the United States that the West should withhold aid and investment for Zimbabwe.

Smith has admitted criticizing Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's post-independence track record in education, health and law and order and attacking the government for alleged human rights violations.

Pretoria indicted in Seychelles plot

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 8 (AP) — A U.N. Security Council commission that investigated a 1981 mercenary invasion of Seychelles said Tuesday that South Africa was clearly involved in it.

Noting that South Africa had denied any connection with the invasion, the commission said it "wishes to draw attention to the following, which it considers as clearly established regarding South African involvement:

"The arms, ammunition and other equipment were supplied by South African defense force personnel.

"An army officer participated in the preliminary discussions.

"The government was generally aware of attempts by Seychelles exiles seeking support to overthrow the government of Seychelles.

"It was aware of Home's plans from their inception.

"Members of the second reconnaissance commando, an elite unit, took part in the operation."

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Miami	24	75	26	79	cloudy
Montreal	-5	23	4	39	snow
Moscow	-5	23	0	32	cloudy
New Delhi	7	45	23	73	cloudy
New York	9	48	14	57	clear
Niagara	2	36	14	57	cloudy
Oso	-3	23	-3	27	cloudy
Paris	7	45	13	55	cloudy
Peking	0	32	9	48	clear
Rio de Janeiro	21	70	32	90	rain
Rome	3	37	10	50	rain
San Francisco	10	50	14	57	clear
Seoul	-4	25	5	41	clear
Singapore	23	73	26	79	rain
Stockholm	-3	27	3	37	clear
Sydney	16	61	25	77	clear
Taipei	12	54	16	61	cloudy
Tokyo	3	37	12	54	clear
Toronto	0	32	5	41	clear
Vancouver	-1	30	14	57	cloudy
Vienna	0	32	-1	30	cloudy